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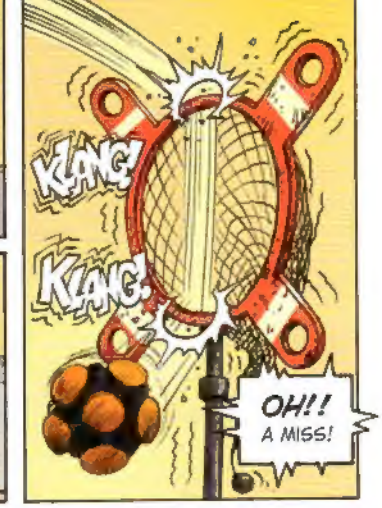
THE SPECTATORS ARE HOLDING THEIR BREATH! THE TENSION IS PALPABLE!
THE END OF GAME SIGNAL STILL HASN'T BEEN GIVEN!...
THE REF IS LETTING THE MANEUVER BY THE AMAZING REPLACEMENT PLAYER NAVIS PLAY ITSELF OUT!
KOK!
WOHAH! WHAT A SHOT, FOLKS!

INCREDIBLE! IF GREEN MAKES THIS 5-POINT SHOT, IT'LL PUT THEM AHEAD OF THE TWO OTHER TEAMS...
SHE'S GONNA MAKE IT, BOOBOO!!
MMMMH...


KLANG
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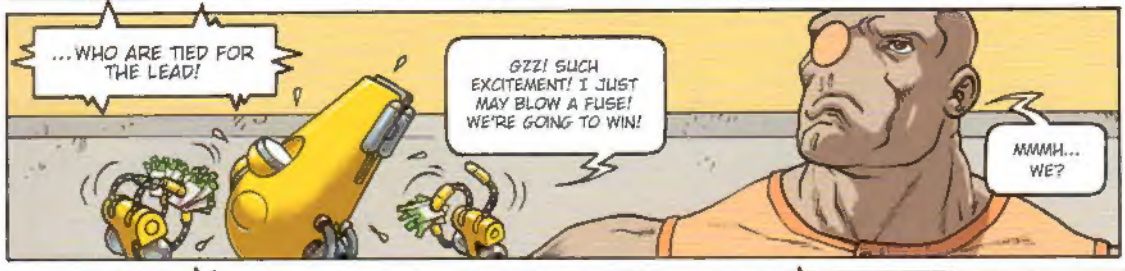
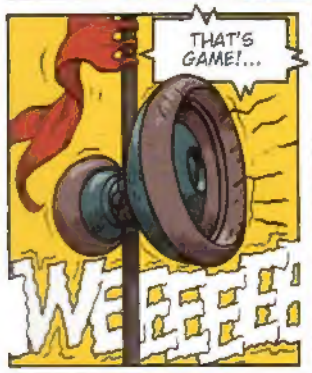
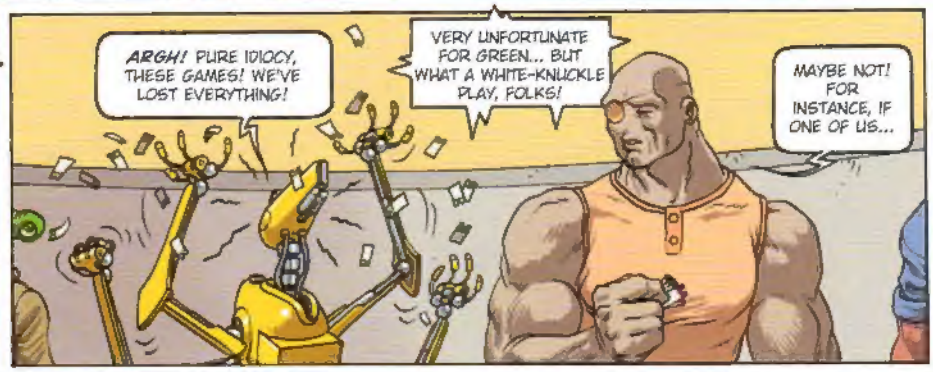
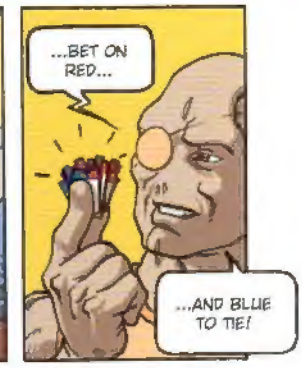
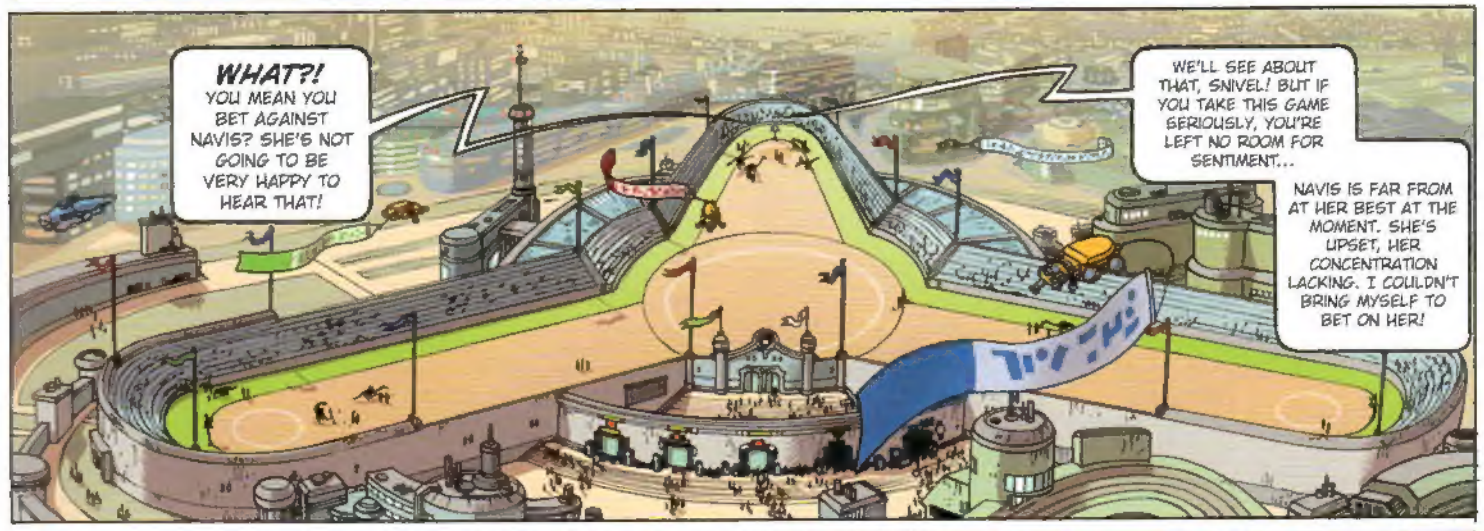

...WHO ARE TIED FOR THE LEAD!
GZZ! SUCH EXCITEMENT! I JUST MAY BLOW A FUSE! WE'RE GOING TO WIN!
MMMH... WE?


THAT'S GAME!...
WEEEE!


ARGH! PURE IDIOCY, THESE GAMES! WE'VE LOST EVERYTHING!
VERY UNFORTUNATE FOR GREEN... BUT WHAT A WHITE-KNUCKLE PLAY, FOLKS!
MAYBE NOT! FOR INSTANCE, IF ONE OF US...


...BET ON RED...
...AND BLUE TO TIE!

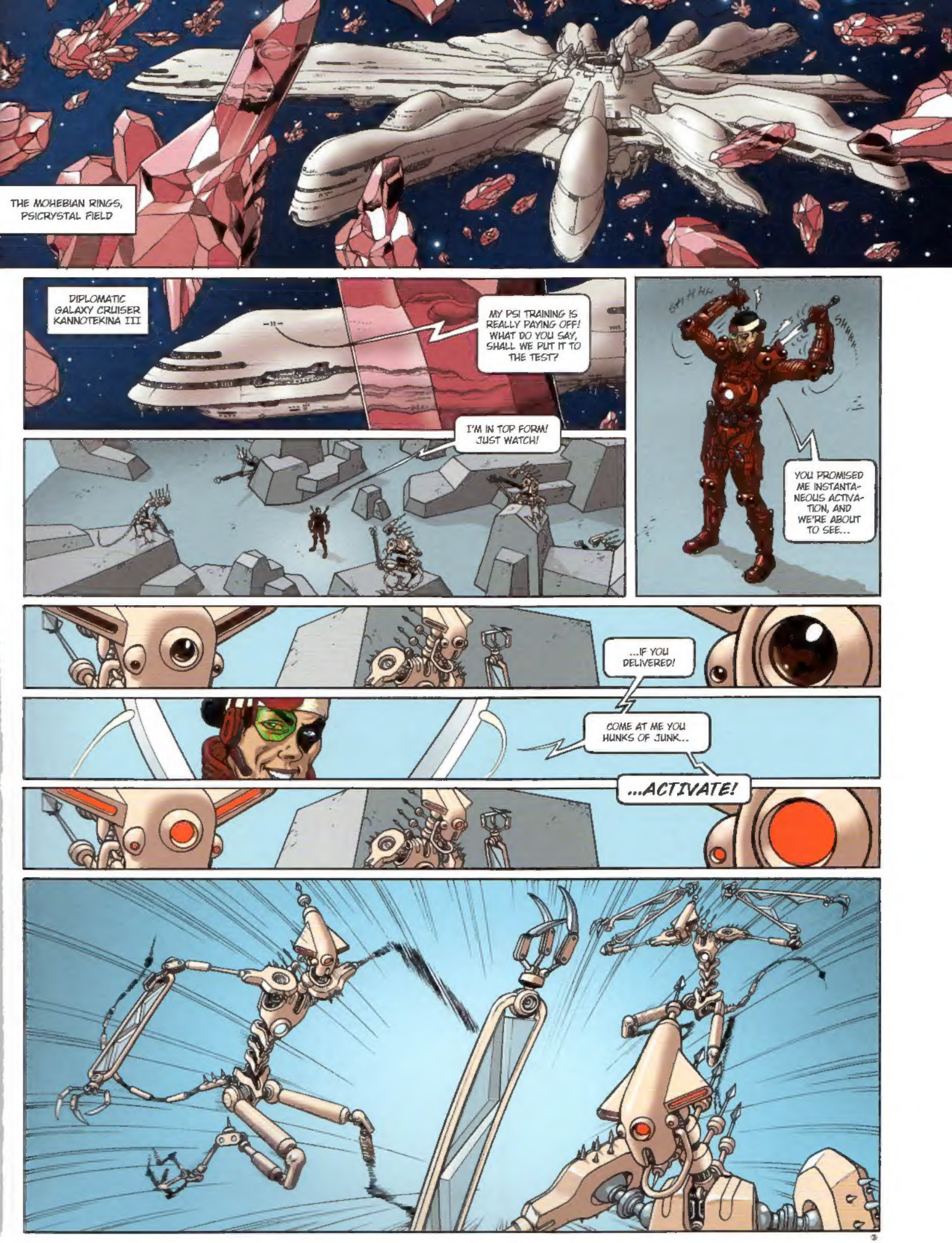

WHAT?! YOU MEAN YOU BET AGAINST NAVIS? SHE'S NOT GOING TO BE VERY HAPPY TO HEAR THAT!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT, SNIVEL! BUT IF YOU TAKE THIS GAME SERIOUSLY, YOU'RE LEFT NO ROOM FOR SENTIMENT...
NAVIS IS FAR FROM AT HER BEST AT THE MOMENT. SHE'S UPSET, HER CONCENTRATION LACKING. I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO BET ON HER!

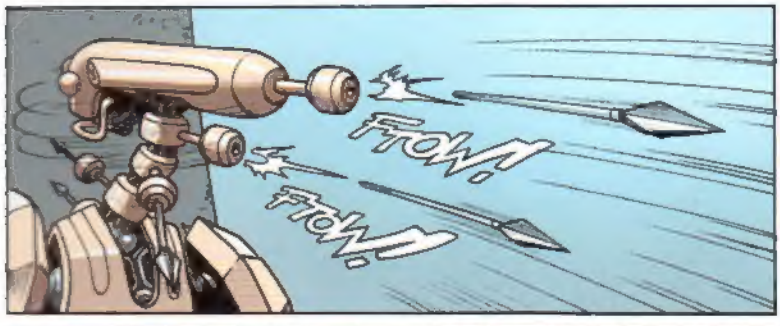
BRAVO, NAVIS! YOU EVER WANNA GO PRO, MY TEAM'LL HAVE A SPOT FOR YA!
THANKS FOR THE OFFER, SMEG. BUT I CAN'T.

THIS GAME'S TOO HARD ON THE ANIMALS!

UH... NICELY DONE, NAVIS. WHAT A GAME!!
OH YOU REALLY THINK SO?! WHY ARE YOU TWO STILL HERE?

WE'RE HAVING DINNER GUESTS OVER, REMEMBER? I DON'T WANT ALL THESE STUPID DISTRACTIONS TO MAKE US LATE... AND I HOPE AT LEAST ONE OF YOU WAS SMART ENOUGH TO BET ON THE OTHER TEAMS!


THE MOHEBIAN RINGS, PSICRYSTAL FIELD
DIPLOMATIC GALAXY CRUISER KANNOTEKINA III
MY PSI TRAINING IS REALLY PAYING OFF! WHAT DO YOU SAY, SHALL WE PUT IT TO THE TEST?
I'M IN TOP FORM! JUST WATCH!
YOU PROMISED ME INSTANTANEOUS ACTIVATION, AND WE'RE ABOUT TO SEE...
...IF YOU DELIVERED!
COME AT ME YOU HUNKS OF JUNK...
...ACTIVATE!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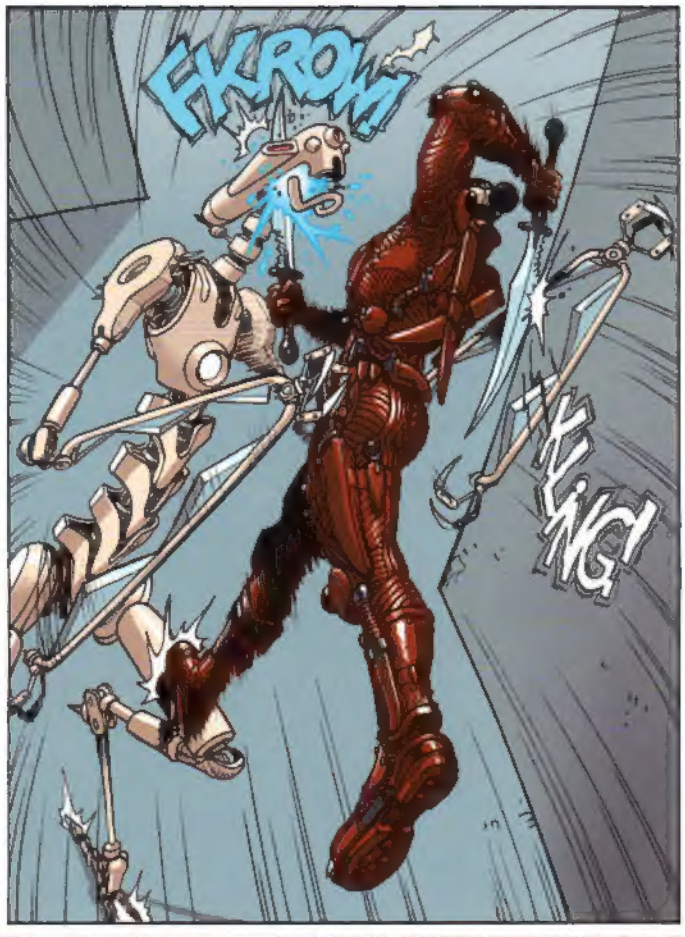
FTOW!

KLONG!
KLANG!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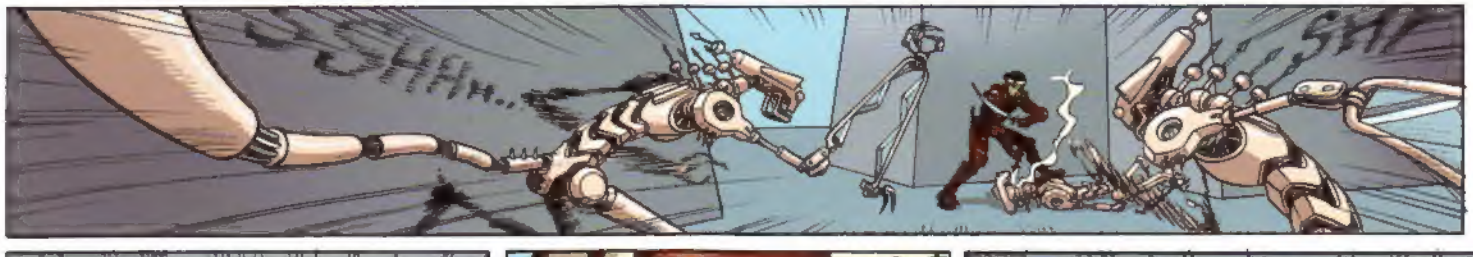
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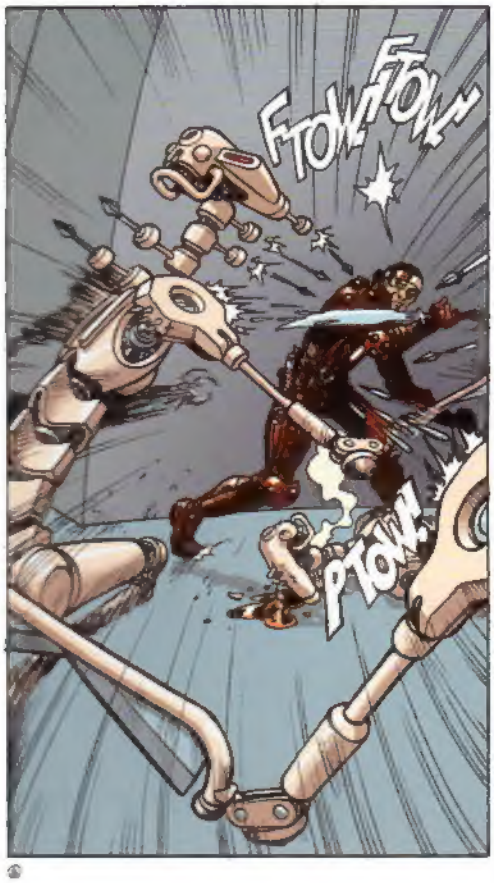
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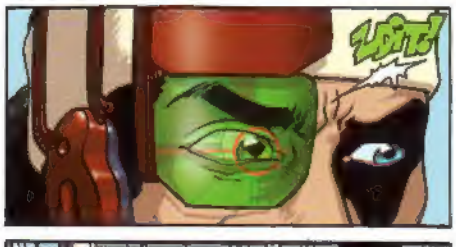
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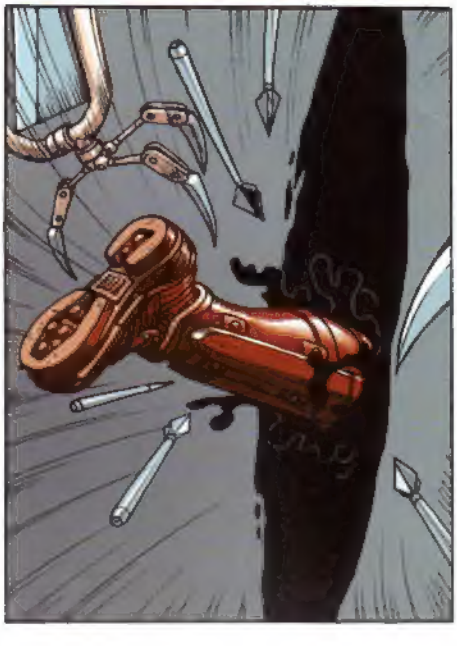

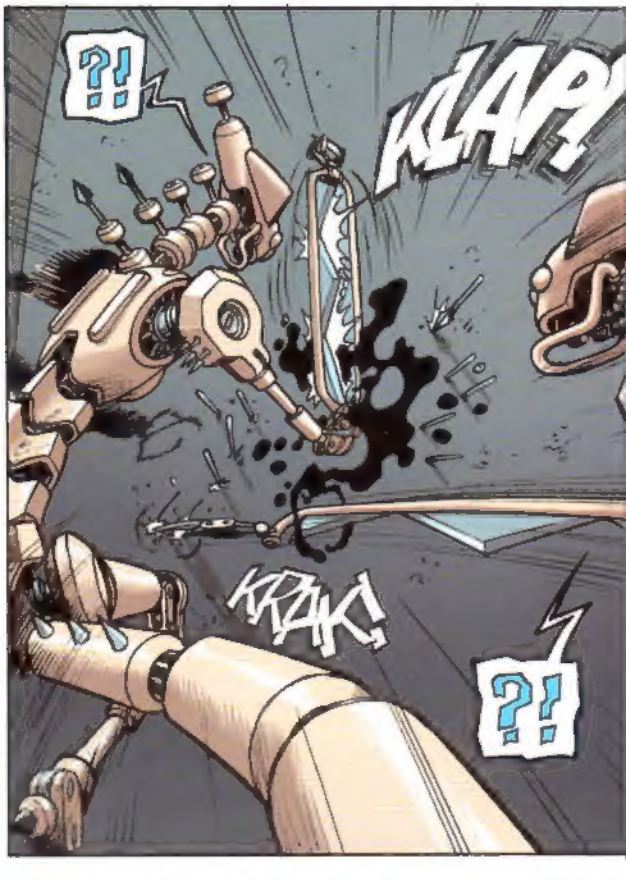
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KLAP!
KRAK!
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SNAP

SWIFT

KRAK!

GOTCHA!

KLANG

KLAK!

INCREDIBLE!! THE OPTICS SYNC UP WITH NO LAG AT ALL!

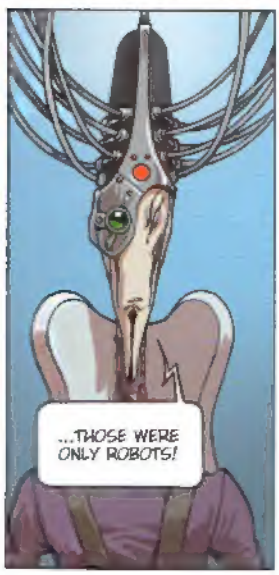
AND IT'LL WORK AT ANY DISTANCE! A NANOTELEPORTAL KEEPS THE TRANS-MISSION STABLE.

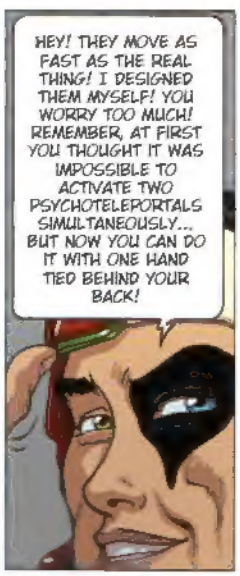
WOOK! WOOK! WOOK!

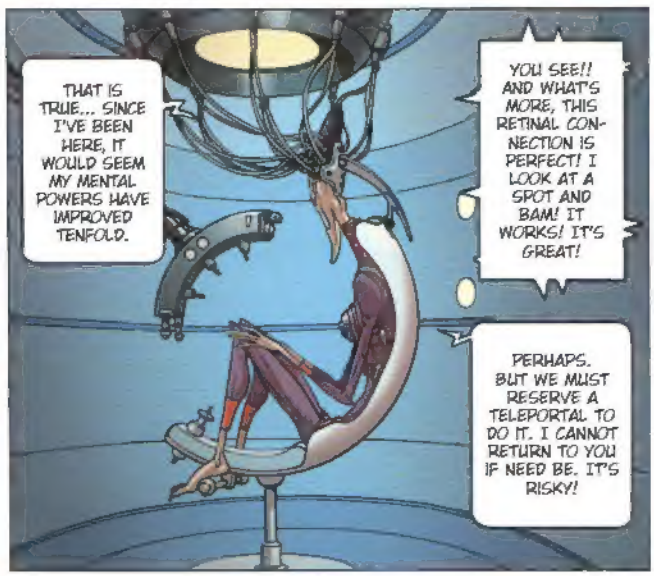
HA HA! THESE VIBROBLADES AREN'T BAD EITHER!

AND MY WORK IS DONE!

THAT WAS EASY, YANNSEI...



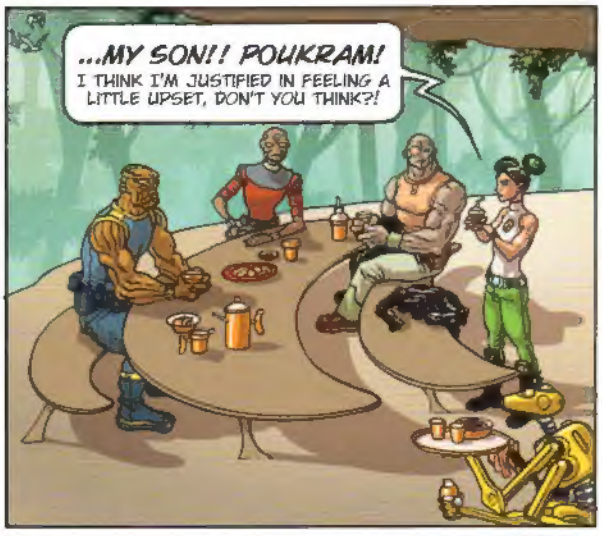


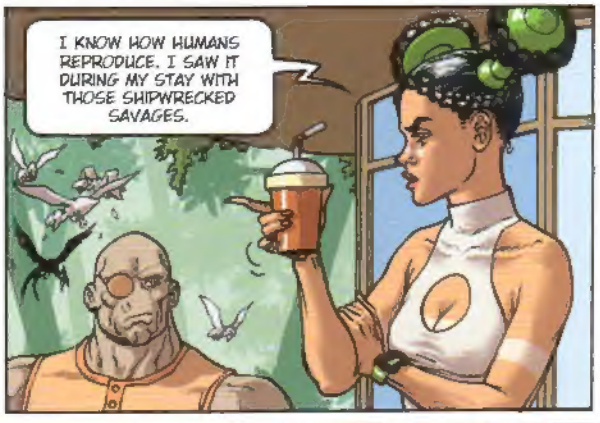


NAVIS, I KNOW IT'S EASY FOR ME TO SAY... BUT GETTING UPSET HELPS NOTHING. YOU MUST CALM DOWN!

WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M TRYING TO DO, BOOBOO?!

TRY TO PUT YOURSELF IN MY POSITION! I GET SAVED BY AN AGENT WORKING FOR ATSUKAU, WHO LET ME REMIND YOU IS MY WORST ENEMY ON THIS CONVOY, AND JUAIZ TELLS ME THAT THIS RIGHT HAND MAN OF HIS IS ACTUALLY...


...MY SON!! POUKRAM!
I THINK I'M JUSTIFIED IN FEELING A LITTLE UPSET, DON'T YOU THINK?!

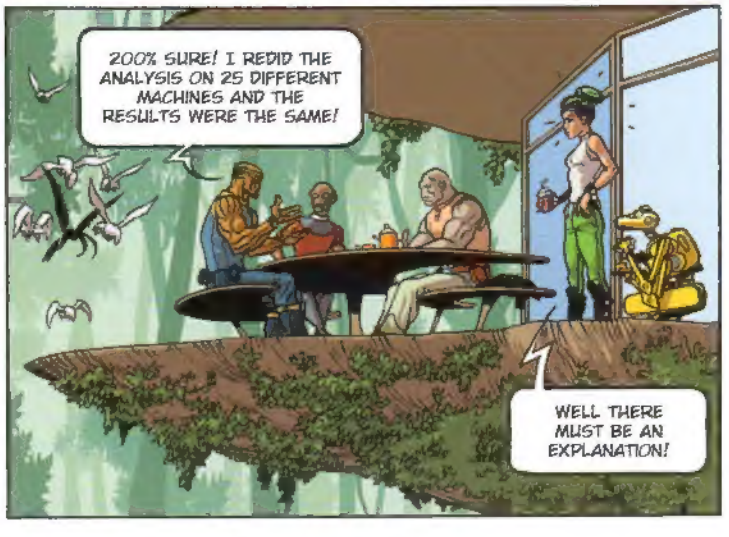

I KNOW HOW HUMANS REPRODUCE. I SAW IT DURING MY STAY WITH THOSE SHIPWRECKED SAVAGES.

IF I'D BEEN PREGNANT, I THINK I'D KNOW!
BOOBOO AND I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D EVER EVEN... UM... UH...

WOW, GREAT! I'M GLAD TO HEAR MY LOVE LIFE IS ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE TOPICS OF CONVERSATION! YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE ME FOR NOT FILLING YOU IN ON EVERY SINGLE DETAIL ABOUT ME AND CLEMENT!

AHEM!... GETTING BACK TO THE FACTS. WHEN WE MET EACH OTHER DURING OUR MISSION ON HURU-MARU, YOU WEREN'T PREGNANT, YOUR MEDICAL APTITUDE ASSESSMENT WOULD HAVE SHOWED IT! AND THAT WAS RIGHT AFTER YOUR UH... INTERACTION... WITH CLEMENT!

AND IF YOU WERE EVER PREGNANT AT ALL, WE WOULD HAVE NOTICED!
JUAIZ, ARE YOU SURE ABOUT YOUR DNA RESULTS?

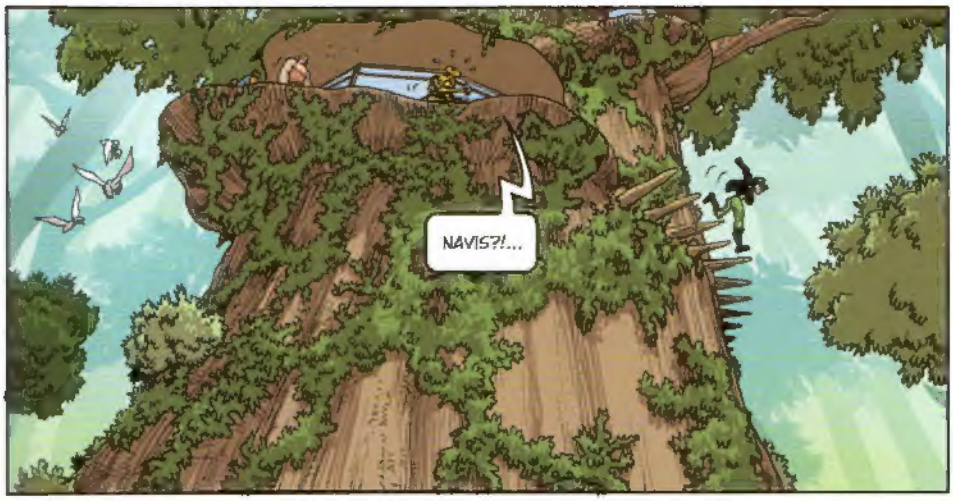

200% SURE! I REDID THE ANALYSIS ON 25 DIFFERENT MACHINES AND THE RESULTS WERE THE SAME!
WELL THERE MUST BE AN EXPLANATION!

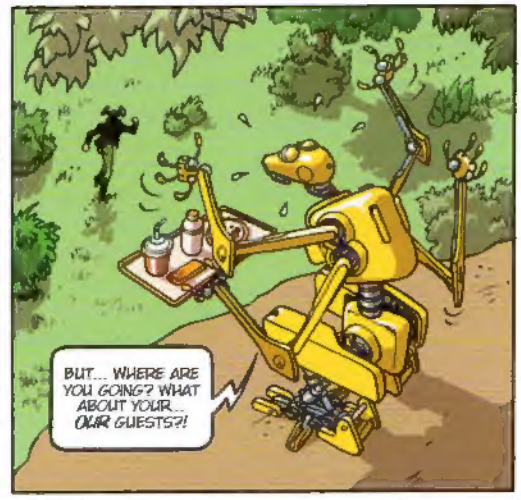
AND COINCIDENTALLY, ATSUKAU'S DISAPPEARED... SLLLLLLLURRRP!...

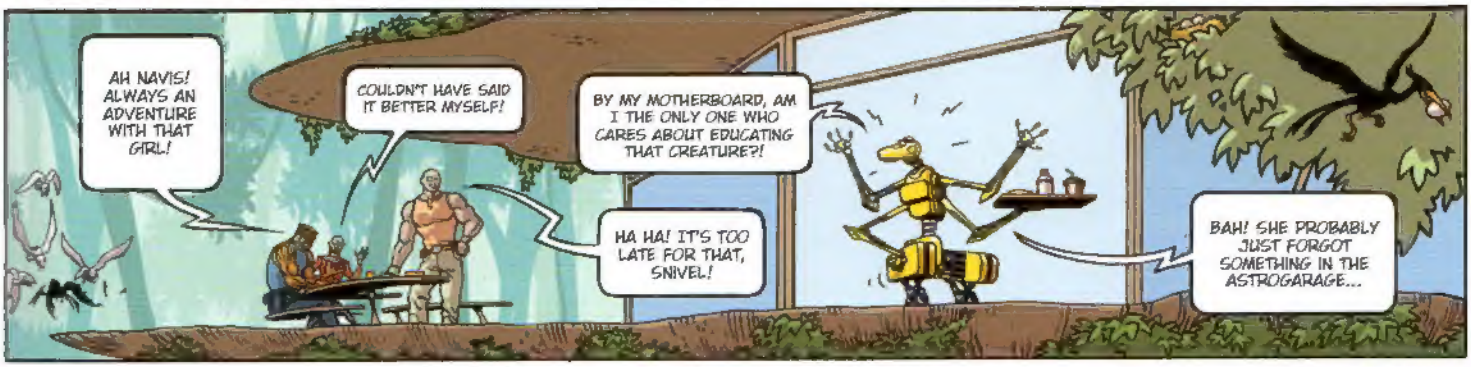
AND NOBODY'S BEEN ABLE TO TELL ME WHERE HE'S HOLED UP! MORE SECRETS...

SECRETS?! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT EARLIER?!
HE!

HE KNOWS! I'M SURE OF IT!


NAVIS?!...

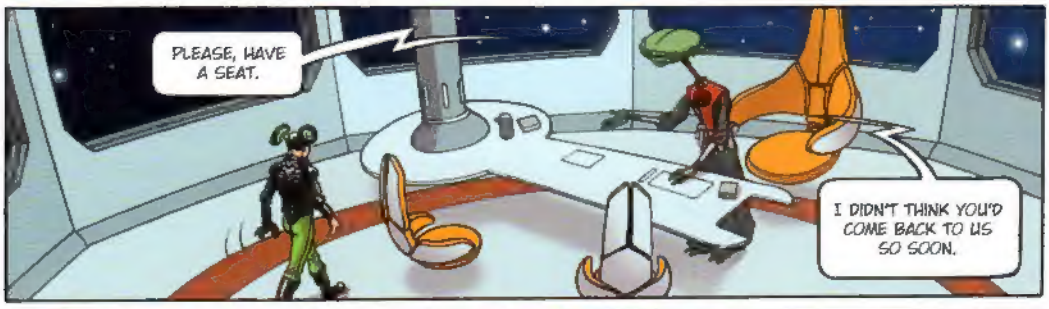

BUT... WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WHAT ABOUT YOUR... OUR GUESTS?!

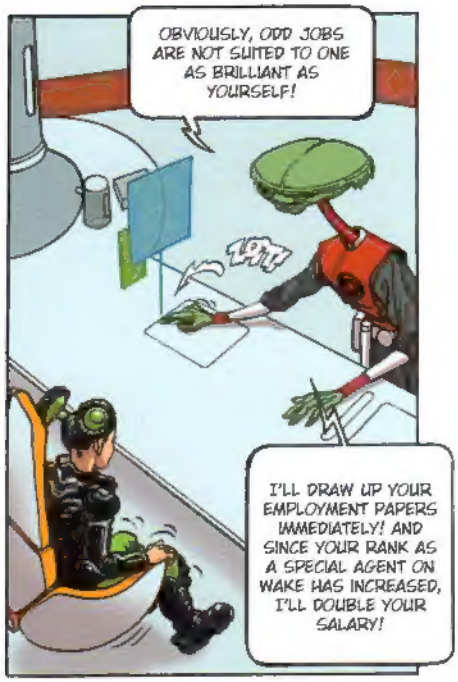

AH NAVIS! ALWAYS AN ADVENTURE WITH THAT GIRL!
COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER MYSELF!
BY MY MOTHERBOARD, AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO CARES ABOUT EDUCATING THAT CREATURE?!
HA HA! IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT, SNIVEL!
BAH! SHE PROBABLY JUST FORGOT SOMETHING IN THE ASTROGARAGE...

MY FRIENDS, I SAY WE FORGET ABOUT HER AND JUST ENJOY OUR MEAL...
WHAT?! BUT SHE COULD RETURN AT ANY MOMENT!
HAH! I DOUBT IT!

WHY'S THAT?
BECAUSE I CAN SEE HER SHIP FLYING OFF RIGHT NOW...

NAVIS!! FINALLY! I AM TRULY OVERJOYED THAT YOU CAME!


PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT.
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D COME BACK TO US SO SOON.


OBVIOUSLY, ODD JOBS ARE NOT SUITED TO ONE AS BRILLIANT AS YOURSELF!
I'LL DRAW UP YOUR EMPLOYMENT PAPERS IMMEDIATELY! AND SINCE YOUR RANK AS A SPECIAL AGENT ON WAKE HAS INCREASED, I'LL DOUBLE YOUR SALARY!

WOAH! SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, MAGISTER... BUT THAT'S NOT WHY I'M HERE.

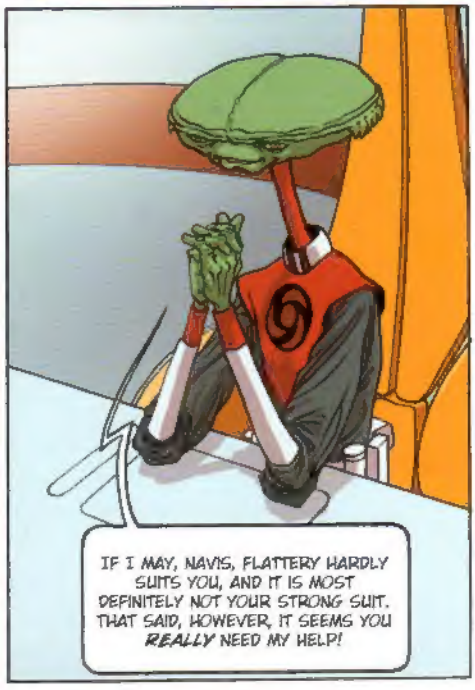
A SHAME. FOR A MOMENT I TRULY BELIEVED FATE HAD BROUGHT YOU... FINE! I'M LISTENING.
I URGENTLY NEED TO FIND CONSUL ATSUKAU FOR A... UH... VERY PERSONAL REASON.

HOWEVER, HIS SHIP, MASSIVE AS IT IS, SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR. I TRIED DOING SOME SLEUTHING ON MY OWN, BUT NOTHING TURNED UP!

MMMH... AND?
AND, I FIGURED SINCE THE COUNCIL IS SO INFLUENTIAL...

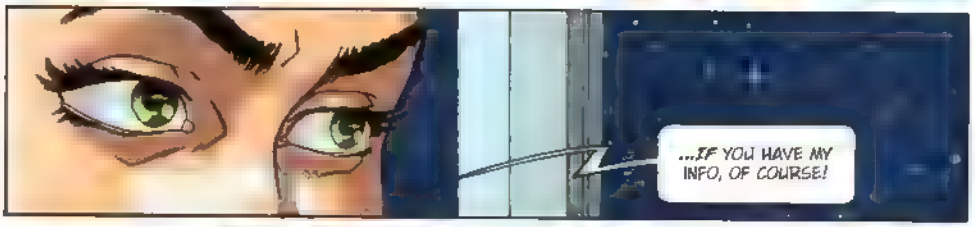
SOME VERY ASTUTE MEMBER WOULD HAVE THE MEANS TO ALWAYS KNOW WHERE TO FIND HIM.

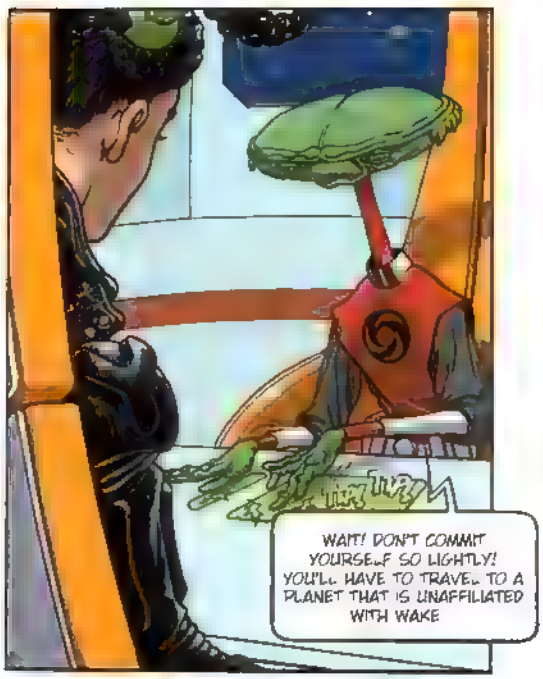
AND THIS EXTREMELY WISE INDIVIDUAL WOULD LIKELY OCCUPY THE HIGHEST SEAT OF POWER ON WAKE!... AHEM, IF YOU SEE WHERE I'M GOING WITH THIS...

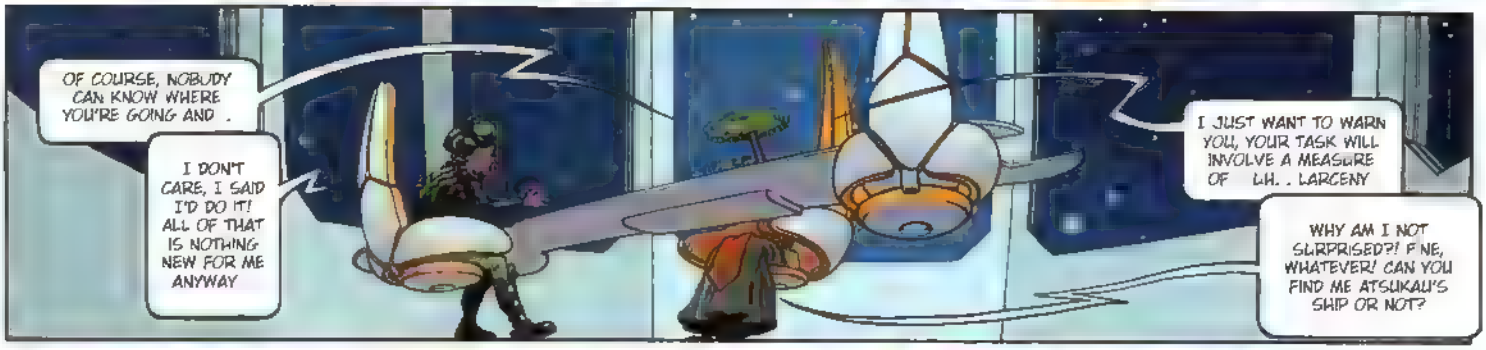

IF I MAY, NAVIS, FLATTERY HARDLY SUITS YOU, AND IT IS MOST DEFINITELY NOT YOUR STRONG SUIT. THAT SAID, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS YOU REALLY NEED MY HELP!

LET'S GET DOWN TO BRASS TACKS! YOU NEED ME..
WHICH COMES AT AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT, AS I TOO NEED YOU. PERHAPS IT WAS FATE AFTER ALL!

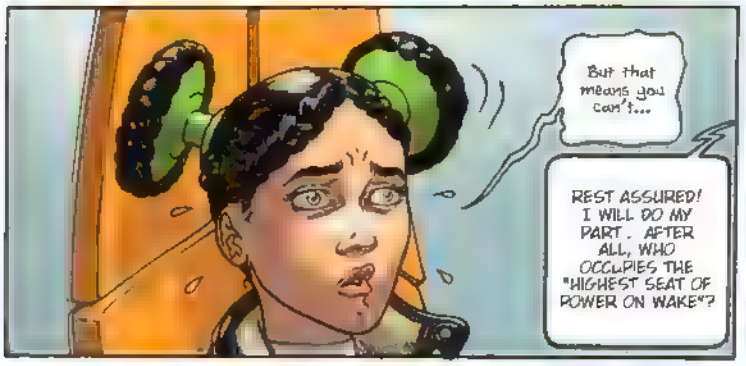
I HAVE A DELICATE MISSION AND TO BE HONEST, I SEE NO OTHER PERSON MORE SUITED TO IT THAN YOU.
FINE, I'LL TAKE YOUR MISSION.


...IF YOU HAVE MY INFO, OF COURSE!


WAIT! DON'T COMMIT YOURSELF SO LIGHTLY! YOU'LL HAVE TO TRAVEL TO A PLANET THAT IS UNAFFILIATED WITH WAKE

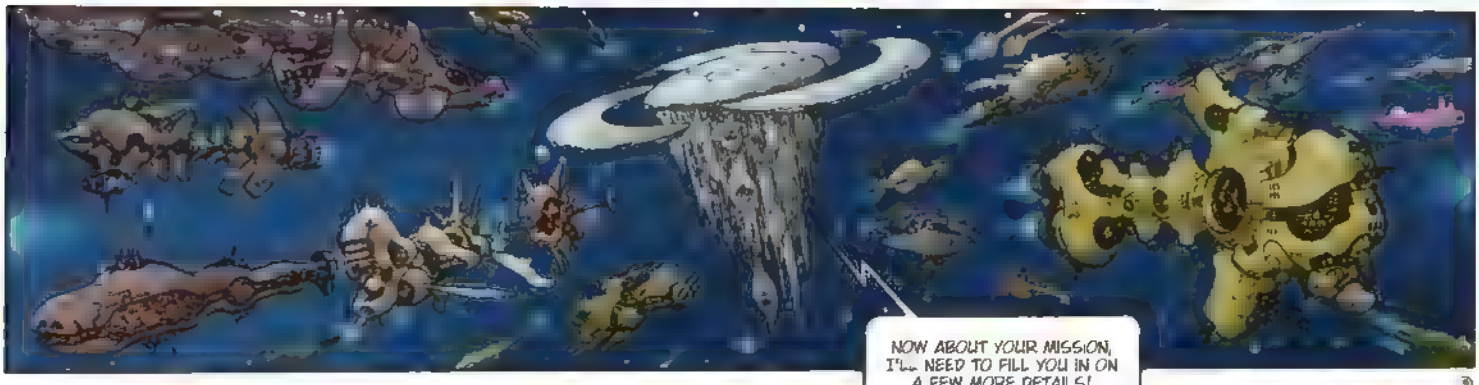

OF COURSE, NOBODY CAN KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING AND .
I DON'T CARE, I SAID I'D DO IT! ALL OF THAT IS NOTHING NEW FOR ME ANYWAY
I JUST WANT TO WARN YOU, YOUR TASK WILL INVOLVE A MEASURE OF UH.. LARCENY
WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED?! FINE, WHATEVER! CAN YOU FIND ME ATSUKAU'S SHIP OR NOT?

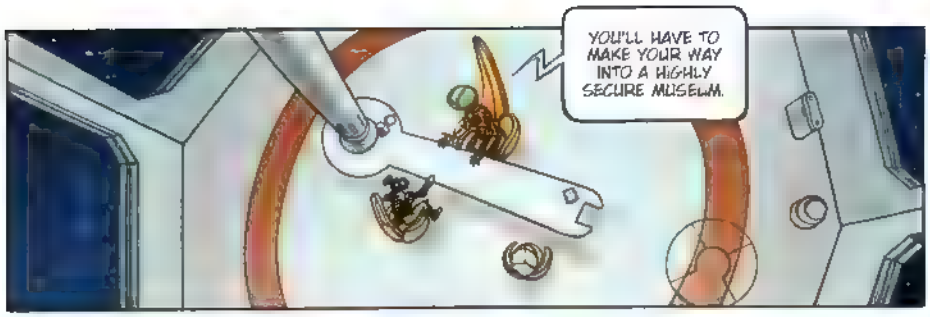
I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THAT! MMMH. IT'S CLASSIFIED AS "MILITARY SECRET"


But that means you can't...
REST ASSURED! I WILL DO MY PART. AFTER ALL, WHO OCCUPIES THE "HIGHEST SEAT OF POWER ON WAKE"?

IF YOU'LL JUST PRESS YOUR FINGER ONTO THIS HOLOKEY.

THERE! NOW YOU ALONE WILL BE ABLE TO READ IT. IT CONTAINS THE EXACT COORDINATES OF KANNOTEKINA III
THANKS!


NOW ABOUT YOUR MISSION, I'LL NEED TO FILL YOU IN ON A FEW MORE DETAILS!


YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE YOUR WAY INTO A HIGHLY SECURE MUSEUM.

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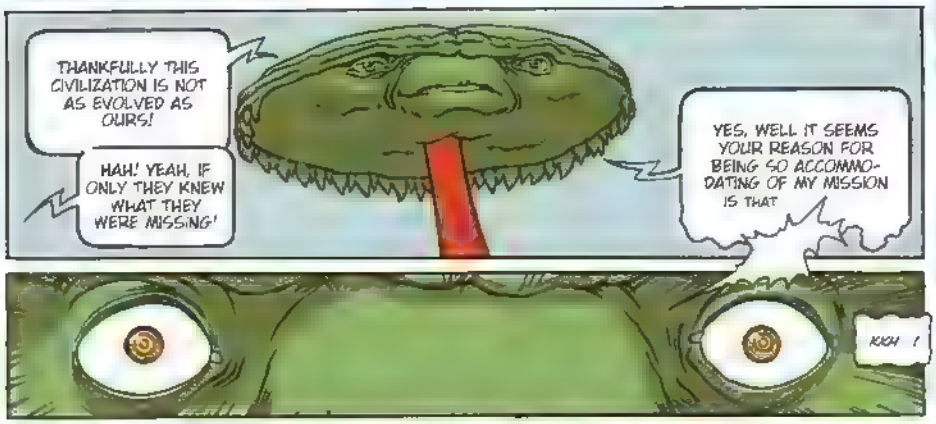
POUKRAM! MAGISTER?!

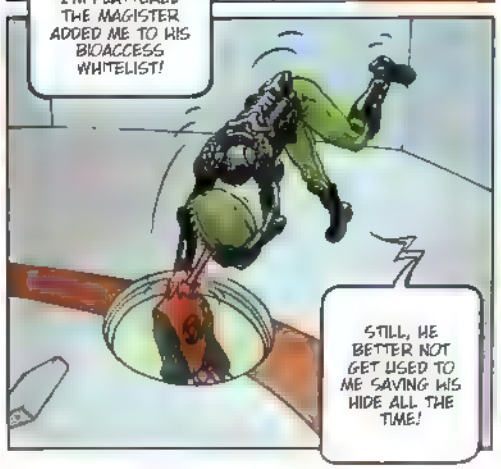

THANKFULLY THIS CIVILIZATION IS NOT AS EVOLVED AS OURS!
HAH! YEAH, IF ONLY THEY KNEW WHAT THEY WERE MISSING!
YES, WELL IT SEEMS YOUR REASON FOR BEING SO ACCOMMODATING OF MY MISSION IS THAT
KKH !

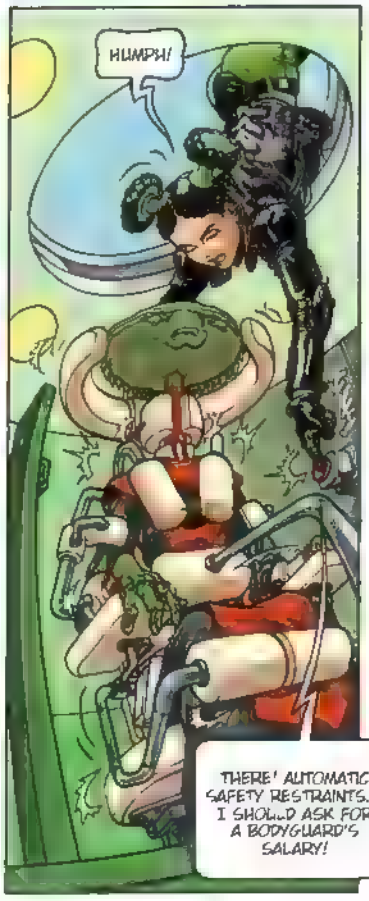
I GUESS WE'LL PAUSE THERE!
HE FELL INTO A COMA. .
AT THE EXACT SAME MOMENT THE ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY WENT OUT! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
I GUESS FIRST I HAVE TO GET HIS BIG CARCASS TO SAFETY!

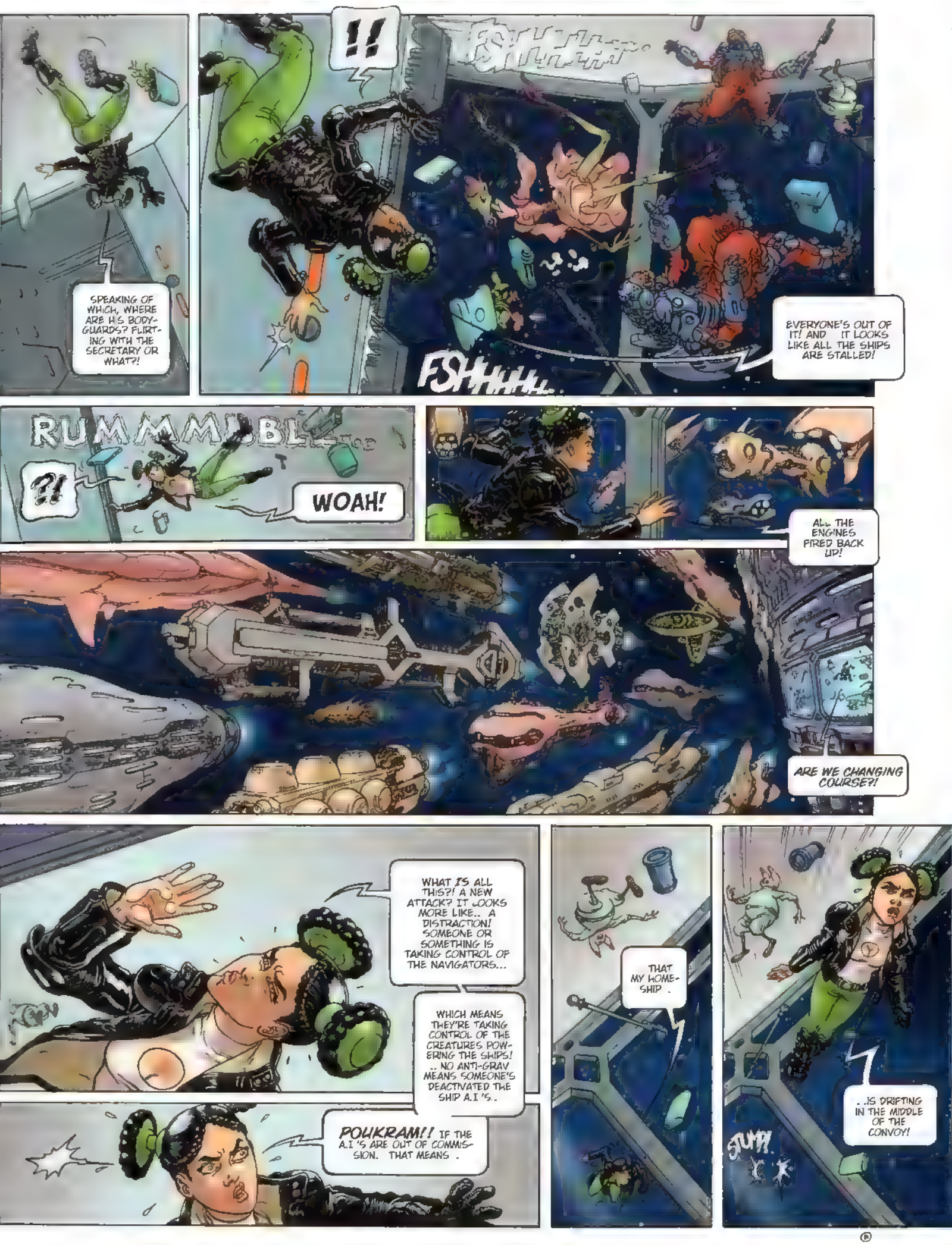
THERE HAS TO BE A BUTTON TO ACCESS THE SAFETY MODULE SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE.

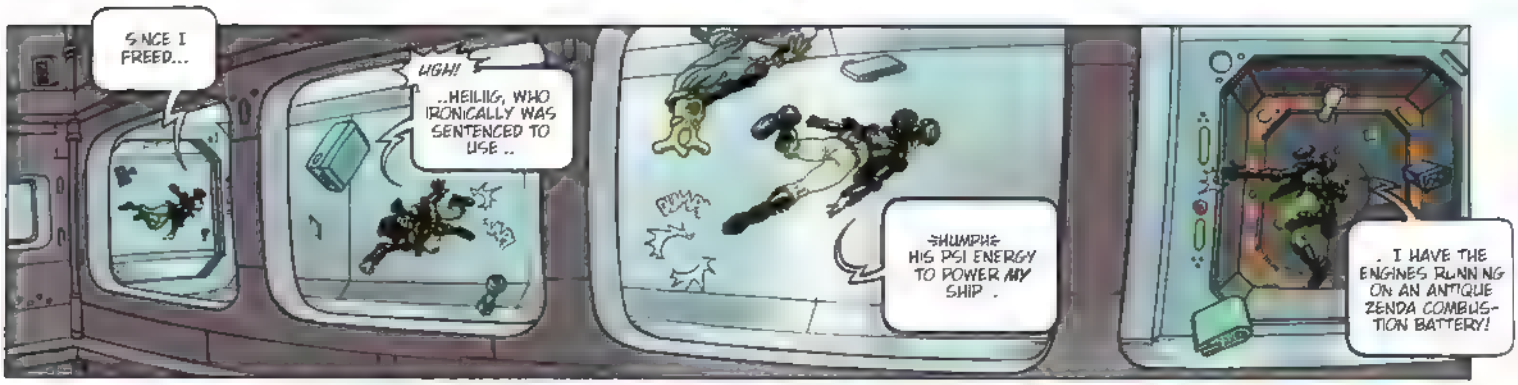
I HOPE THIS WORKS. .
KLK

KLAK3
PSHH!
YES!

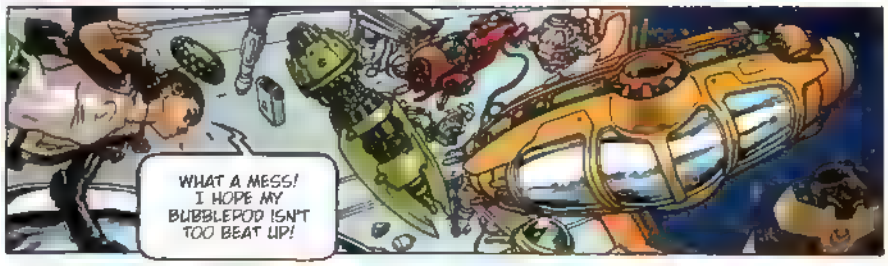

I'M FLATTERED THE MAGISTER ADDED ME TO HIS BIOACCESS WHITELIST!
STILL, HE BETTER NOT GET USED TO ME SAVING HIS HIDE ALL THE TIME!

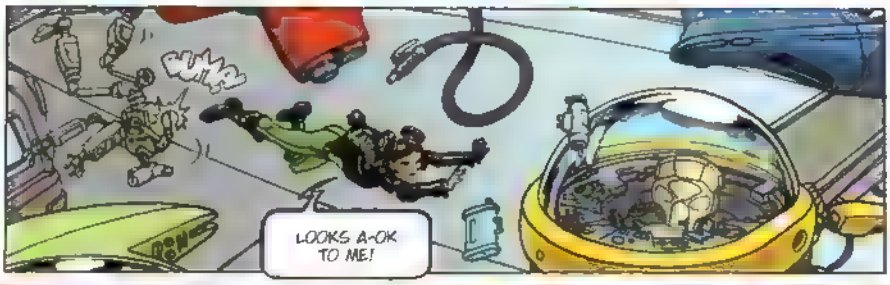

HUMPH!
THERE! AUTOMATIC SAFETY RESTRAINTS... I SHOULD ASK FOR A BODYGUARD'S SALARY!

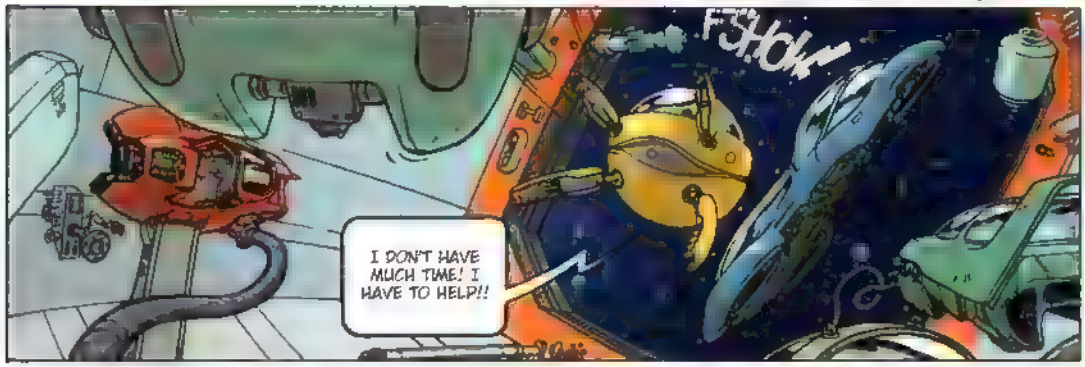

SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHERE ARE HIS BODY-GUARDS? FLIRTING WITH THE SECRETARY OR WHAT?!
!!
FSHHHHH...
EVERYONE'S OUT OF IT! AND IT LOOKS LIKE ALL THE SHIPS ARE STALLED!
RUMMMBL...
?!
WOAH!
ALL THE ENGINES FIRED BACK UP!
ARE WE CHANGING COURSE?!
WHAT IS ALL THIS?! A NEW ATTACK? IT LOOKS MORE LIKE.. A DISTRACTION! SOMEONE OR SOMETHING IS TAKING CONTROL OF THE NAVIGATORS...
WHICH MEANS THEY'RE TAKING CONTROL OF THE CREATURES POWERING THE SHIPS! .. NO ANTI-GRAV MEANS SOMEONE'S DEACTIVATED THE SHIP A.I 'S..
POUKRAM!! IF THE A.I 'S ARE OUT OF COMMISSION. THAT MEANS .
THAT MY HOME-SHIP .
..IS DRIFTING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CONVOY!
JUMP!

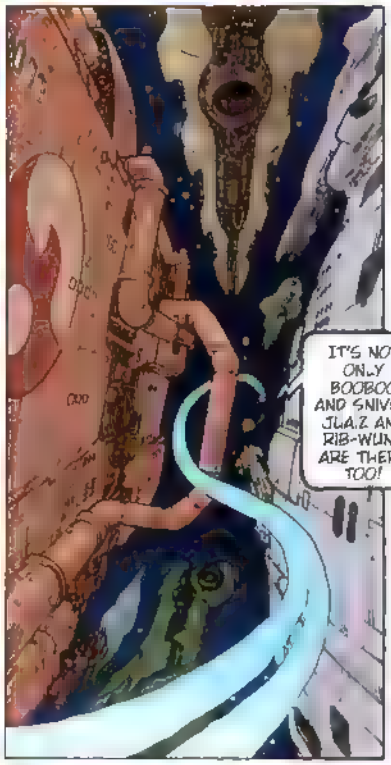

SINCE I FREED...
UGH!
..HEILIG, WHO IRONICALLY WAS SENTENCED TO USE ..
SHUMPHE HIS PSI ENERGY TO POWER MY SHIP .
. I HAVE THE ENGINES RUNNING ON AN ANTIQUE ZENDA COMBUSTION BATTERY!

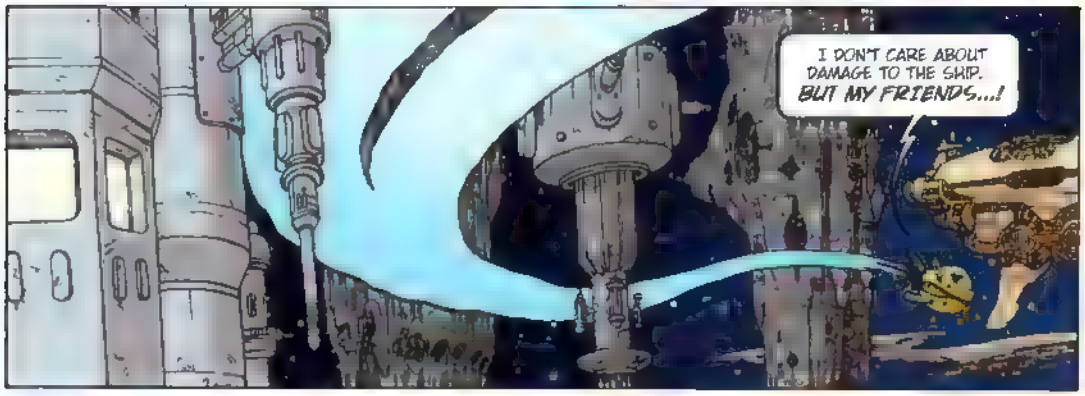
THE ONLY THING REGULATING THE PROPULSION IS MY BIOSPHERE'S CENTRAL COMPUTER, WHICH NEEDS DATA SENT FROM THE COUNCIL'S SHIP!
AND NOW...!
NO COMPUTER, AND NO DATA! THIS IS BAD!!

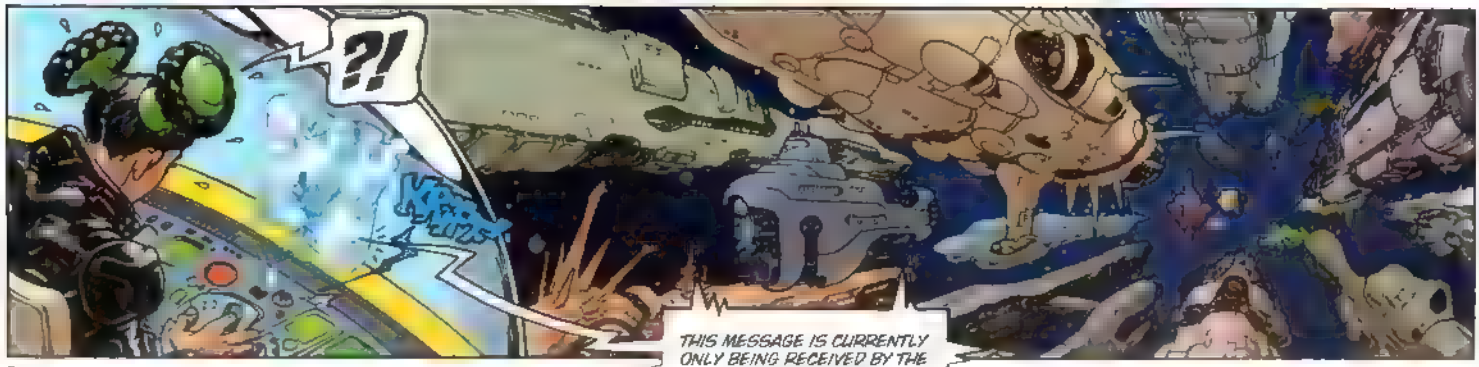

WHAT A MESS! I HOPE MY BUBBLEPOD ISN'T TOO BEAT UP!


LOOKS A-OK TO ME!


FSHOK
I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME! I HAVE TO HELP!!


IT'S NOT ONLY BOOBOO AND SNIVEL, JUA.Z AND RIB-WUND ARE THERE TOO!


I DON'T CARE ABOUT DAMAGE TO THE SHIP. BUT MY FRIENDS...!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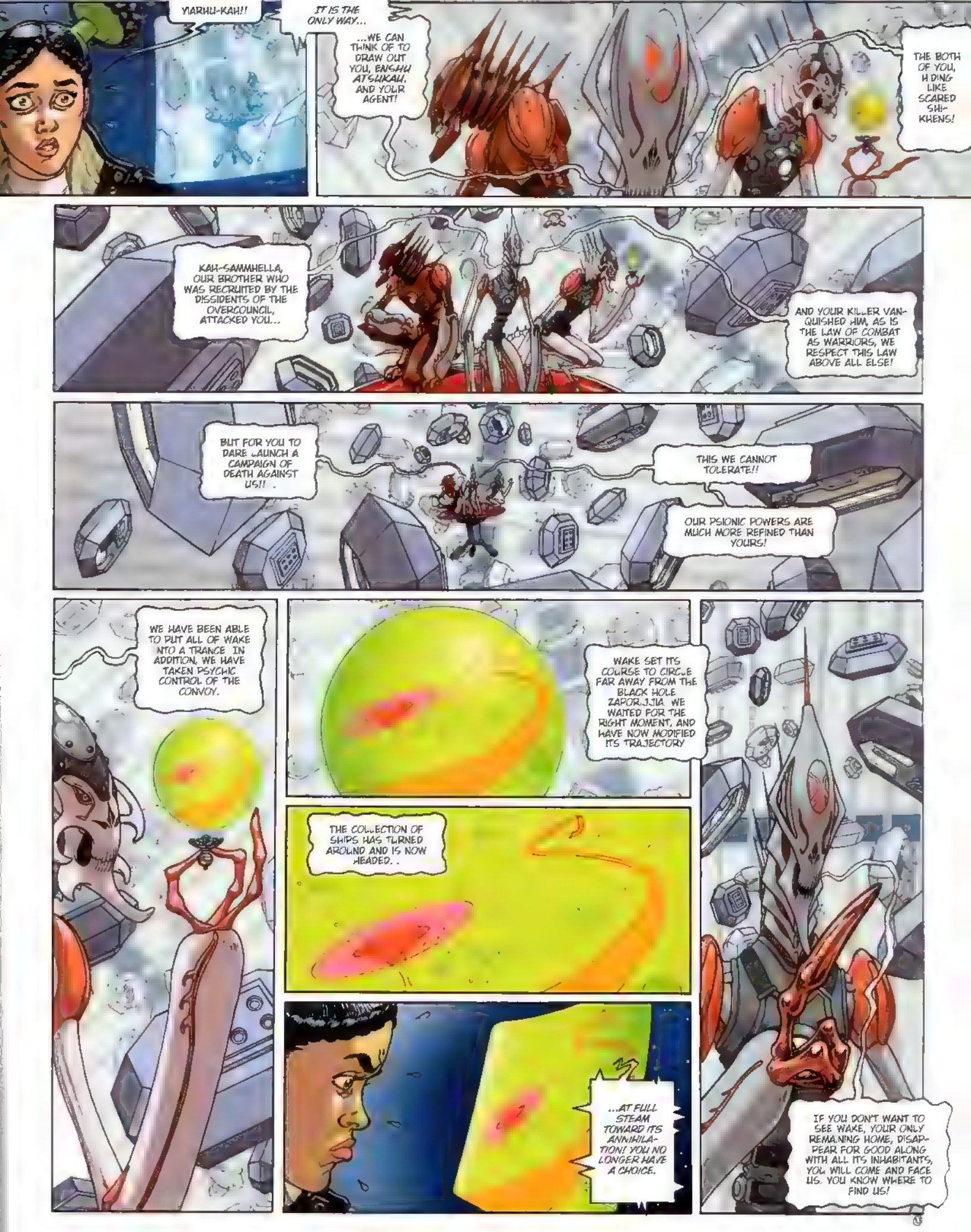
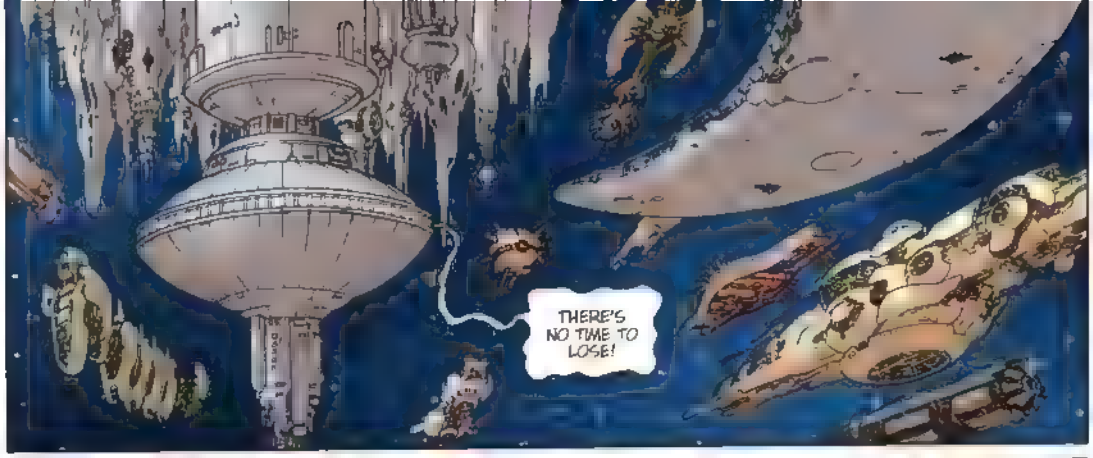
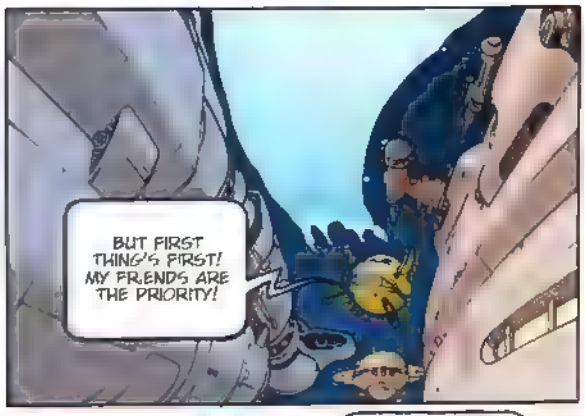
THIS MESSAGE IS CURRENTLY ONLY BEING RECEIVED BY THE RELEVANT PARTIES!

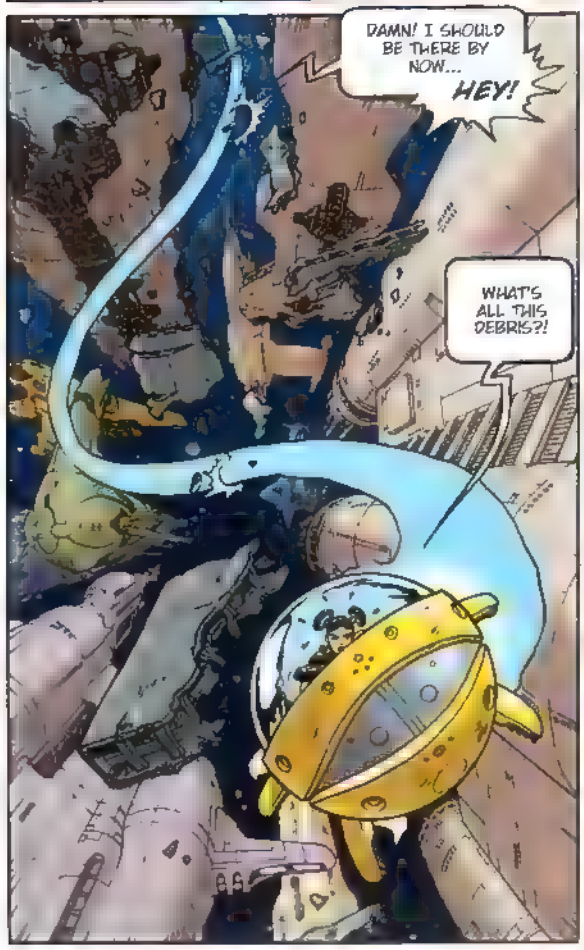

YIARHU-KAH!!
IT IS THE ONLY WAY...
...WE CAN THINK OF TO DRAW OUT YOU, ENGHU ATSUKAU, AND YOUR AGENT!
THE BOTH OF YOU, H DING LIKE SCARED SHI-KHENS!
KAH-SAMMHELLA, OUR BROTHER WHO WAS RECRUITED BY THE DISSIDENTS OF THE OVERCOUNCIL, ATTACKED YOU...
AND YOUR KILLER VAN-QUISHED HIM, AS IS THE LAW OF COMBAT AS WARRIORS, WE RESPECT THIS LAW ABOVE ALL ELSE!
BUT FOR YOU TO DARE LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN OF DEATH AGAINST US!!
THIS WE CANNOT TOLERATE!!
OUR PSIONIC POWERS ARE MUCH MORE REFINED THAN YOURS!
WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT ALL OF WAKE NTO A TRANCE IN ADDITION, WE HAVE TAKEN PSYCHIC CONTROL OF THE CONVOY.
WAKE SET ITS COURSE TO CIRCLE FAR AWAY FROM THE BLACK HOLE ZAPOR.JJIA. WE WAITED FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT, AND HAVE NOW MODIFIED ITS TRAJECTORY
THE COLLECTION OF SHIPS HAS TURNED AROUND AND IS NOW HEADED. .
...AT FULL STEAM TOWARD ITS ANNIHILA-TION! YOU NO LONGER HAVE A CHOICE.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE WAKE, YOUR ONLY REMAINING HOME, DISAP-PEAR FOR GOOD ALONG WITH ALL ITS INHABITANTS, YOU WILL COME AND FACE US. YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND US!

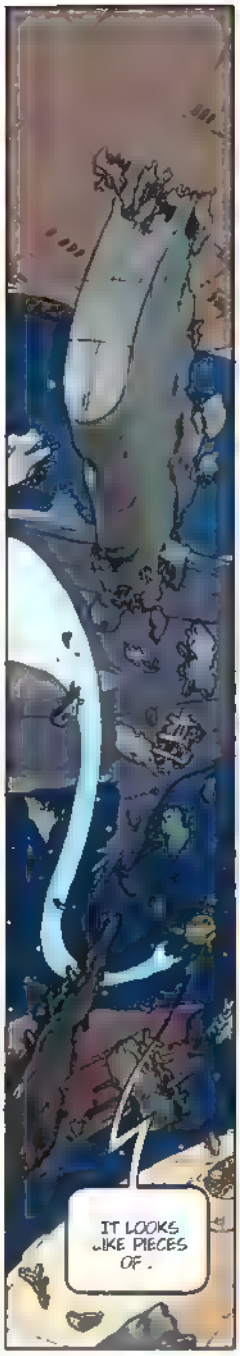

THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!

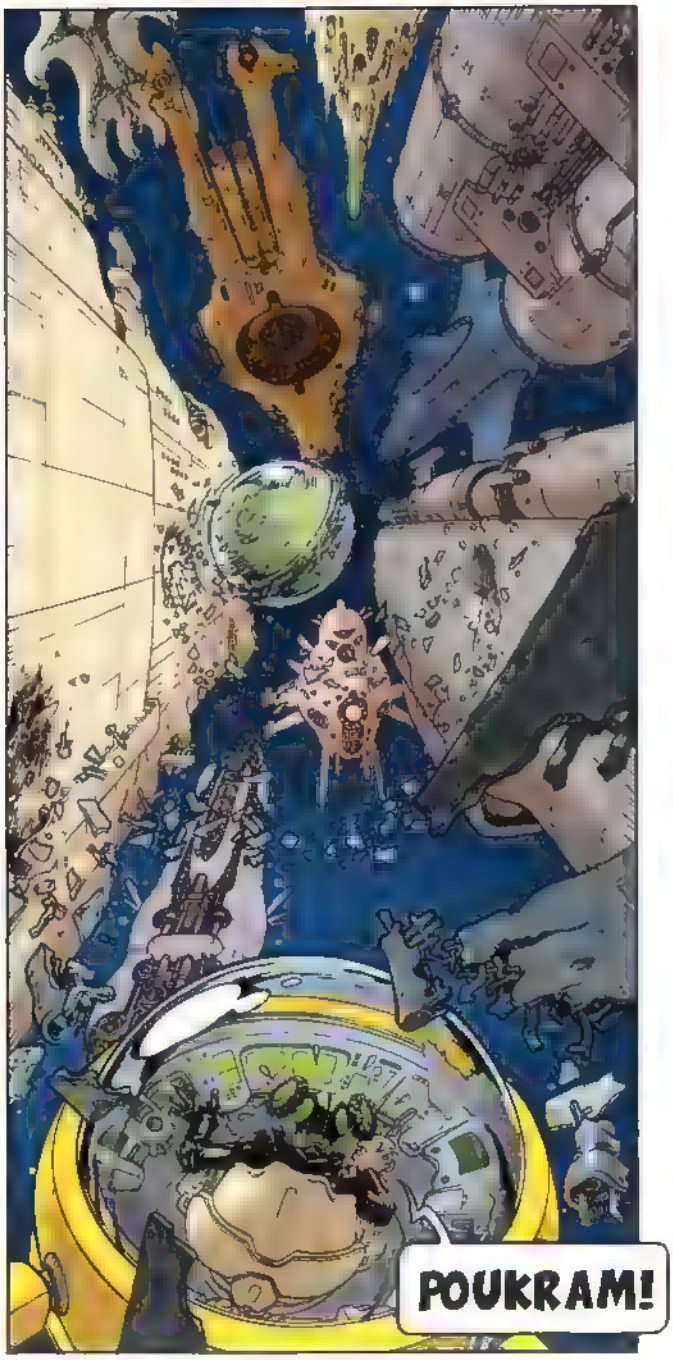
ON BOARD THE REAR ADMIRAL SHIP!
THIS IS INSANE, I WAS JUST THERE!

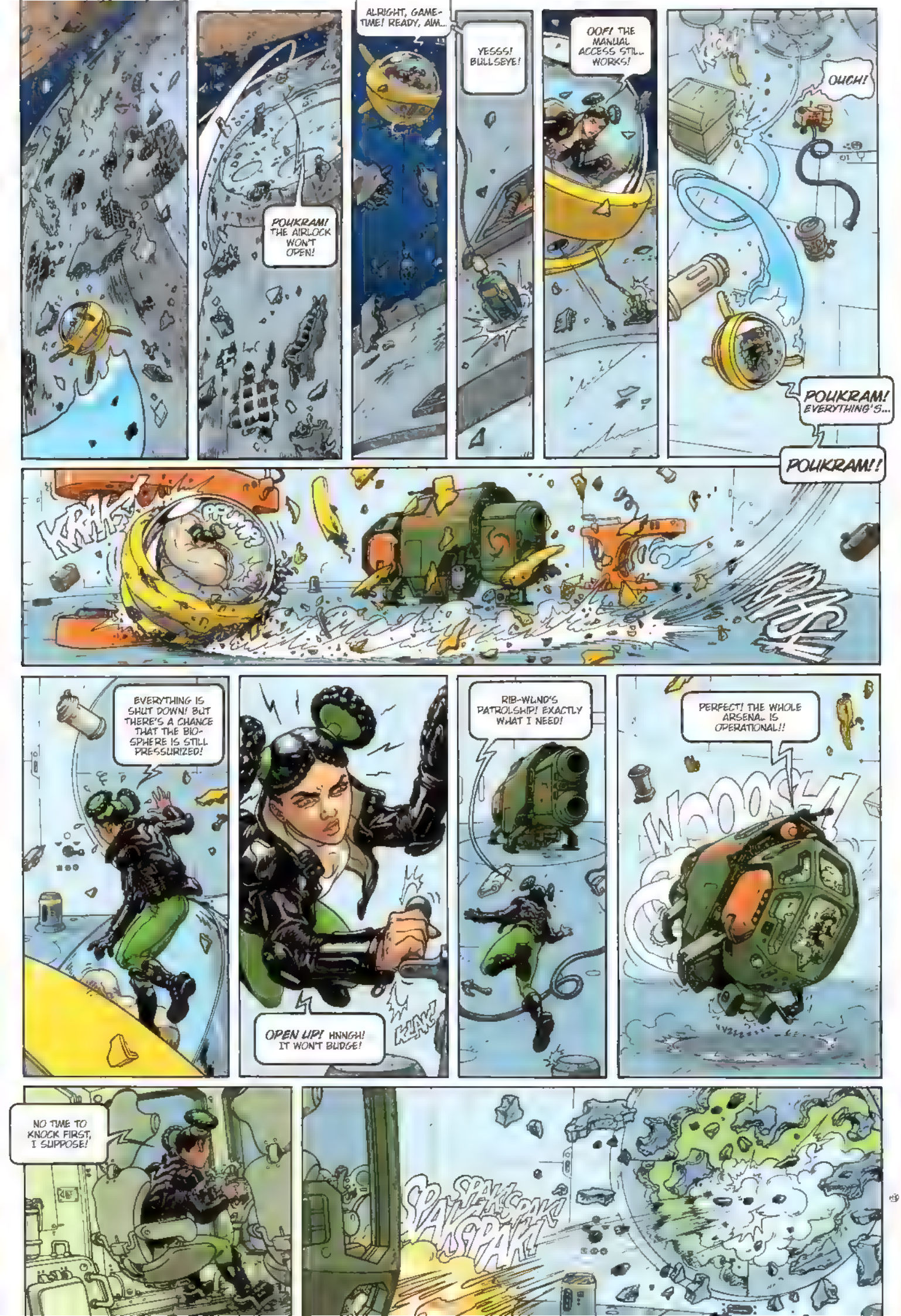
THEY'RE IN THE COUNCIL'S MEGA-EXEDRA!


BUT FIRST THING'S FIRST! MY FRIENDS ARE THE PRIORITY!


DAMN! I SHOULD BE THERE BY NOW...
HEY!
WHAT'S ALL THIS DEBRIS?!


IT LOOKS LIKE PIECES OF .

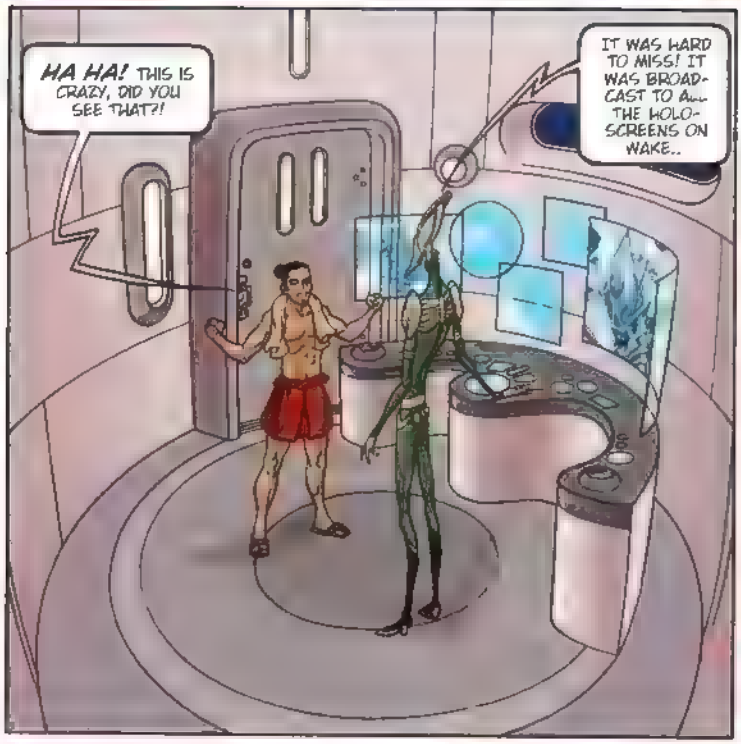

POUKRAM!


POUKRAM! THE AIRLOCK WON'T OPEN!
ALRIGHT, GAME-TIME! READY, AIM...
YESSS! BULLSEYE!
OOF! THE MANUAL ACCESS STILL WORKS!
OUCH!
POUKRAM! EVERYTHING'S...
POUKRAM!!
EVERYTHING IS SHUT DOWN! BUT THERE'S A CHANCE THAT THE BIO-SPHERE IS STILL PRESSURIZED!
OPEN UP! HNNGH! IT WON'T BUDGE!
KLAK
RIB-WLND'S PATROLSHIP! EXACTLY WHAT I NEED!
PERFECT! THE WHOLE ARSENAL IS OPERATIONAL!!
WOOOSH
NO TIME TO KNOCK FIRST, I SUPPOSE!
SPAM SPAM SPAM SPAM

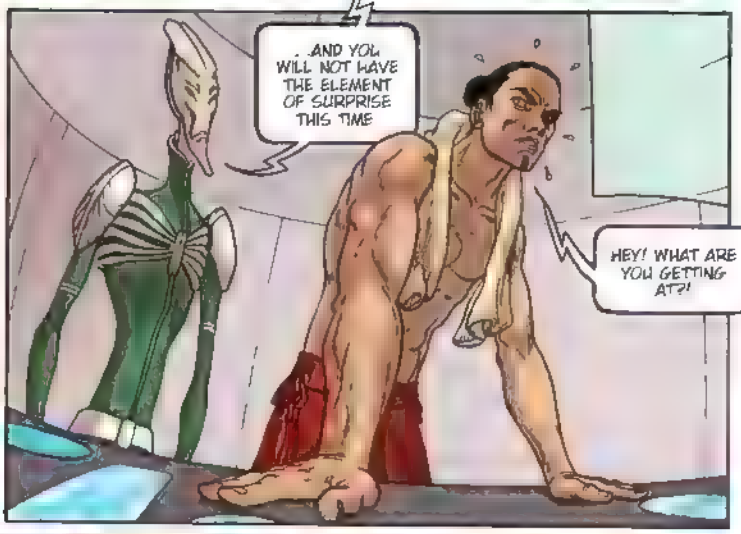
HA HA HA! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

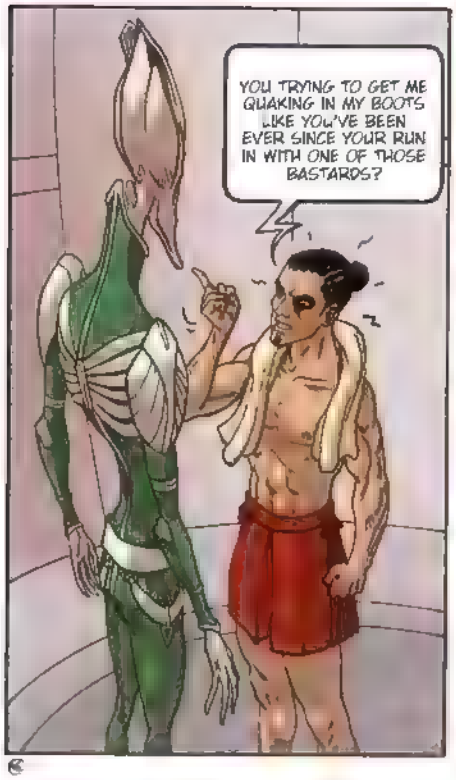
HERE I WAS THINKING I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO FIND THEM.

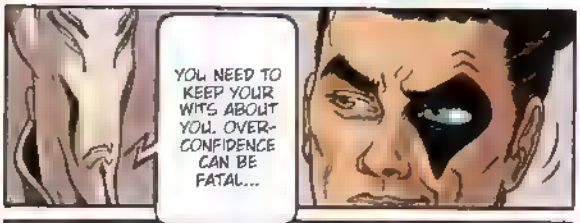
..AND THEY COME OUT AND OFFER THEMSELVES UP ON A SILVER PLATTER!

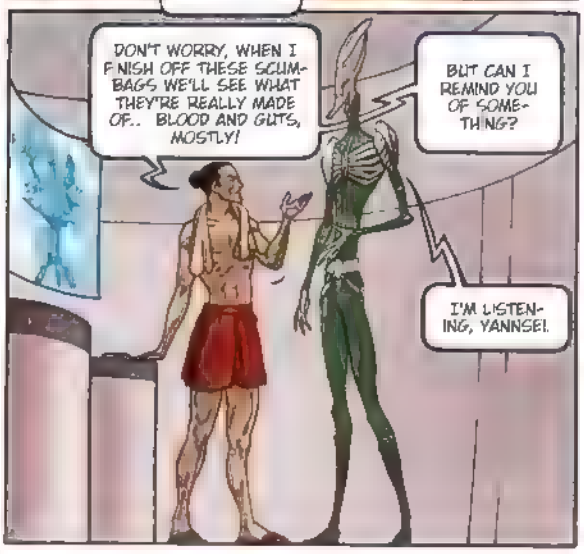

HA HA! THIS IS CRAZY, DID YOU SEE THAT?!
IT WAS HARD TO MISS! IT WAS BROADCAST TO ALL THE HOLO-SCREENS ON WAKE..

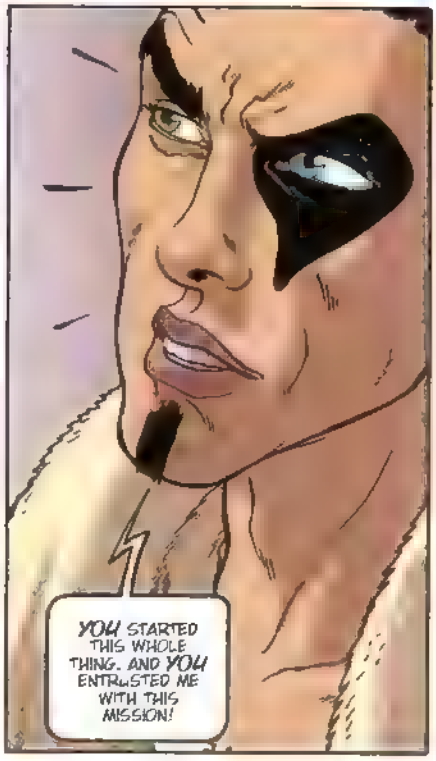
I'D ADVISE YOU TO RESERVE YOUR CELEBRATIONS!
THERE'S THREE OF THEM!


..AND YOU WILL NOT HAVE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE THIS TIME
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT?!

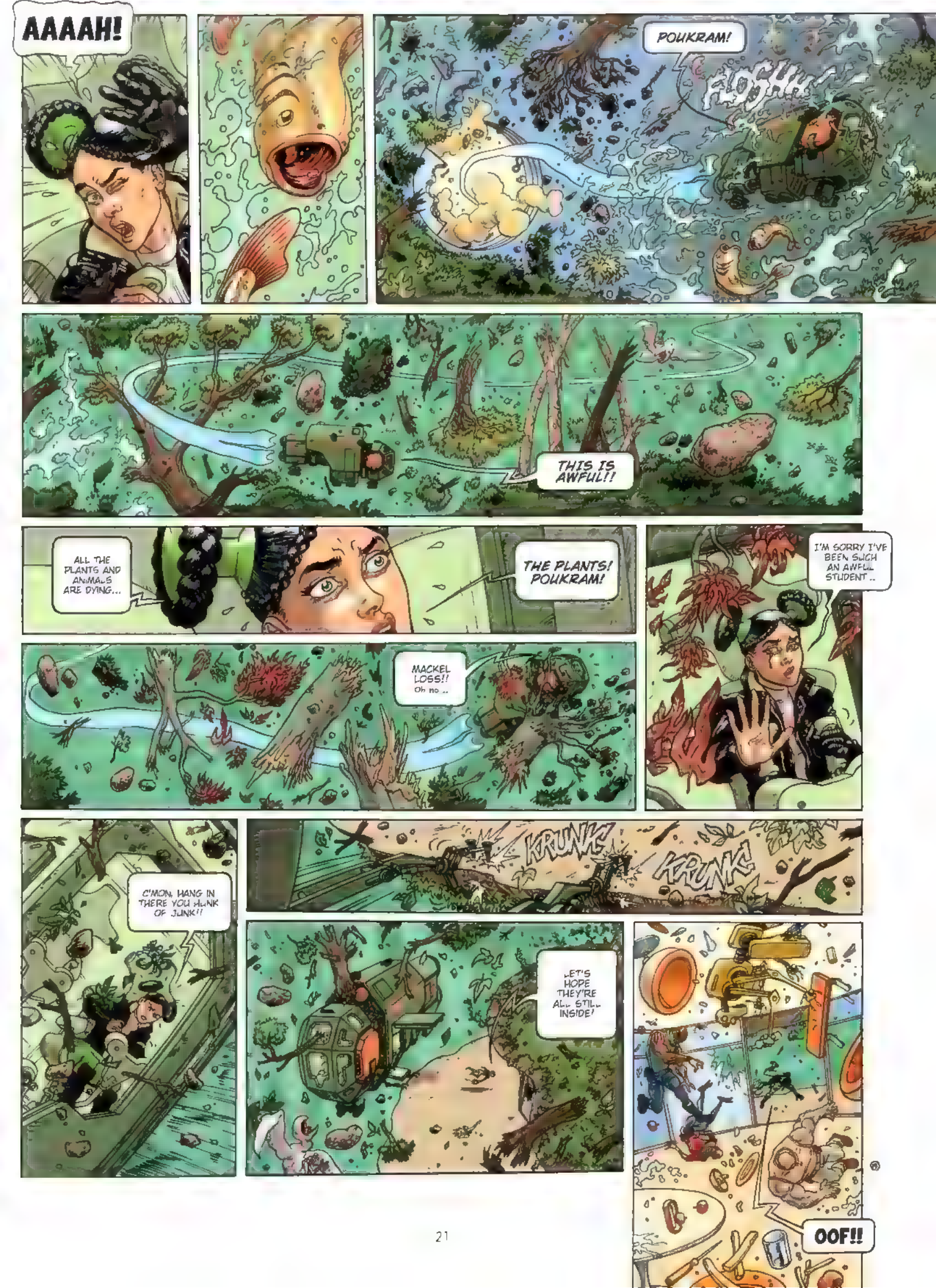

YOU TRYING TO GET ME QUAKING IN MY BOOTS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN EVER SINCE YOUR RUN IN WITH ONE OF THOSE BASTARDS?


YOU NEED TO KEEP YOUR WITS ABOUT YOU. OVER-CONFIDENCE CAN BE FATAL...


DON'T WORRY, WHEN I FINISH OFF THESE SCUM-BAGS WE'LL SEE WHAT THEY'RE REALLY MADE OF.. BLOOD AND GUTS, MOSTLY!
BUT CAN I REMIND YOU OF SOME-THING?
I'M LISTEN-ING, YANNSE!


YOU STARTED THIS WHOLE THING. AND YOU ENTRUSTED ME WITH THIS MISSION!

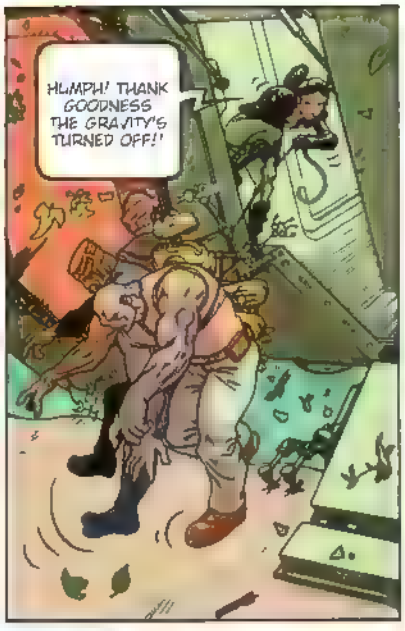
SO IT'S A BIT LATE TO START WORRYING ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES, DON'T YOU THINK?!
I KNOW! . AND I'M SORRY.
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU WON'T HAVE TO BE. THIS VENDETTA WILL HAVE BEEN GOOD FOR ME
YOU MADE ME INTO A WARRIOR, AND THIS WAS JUST THE CHALLENGE I NEEDED! I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR THIS FIGHT MY WHOLE LIFE! FOR THAT, YOU HAVE MY THANKS!
I'M GOING TO SUIT UP! YOU JUST TRY AND CONCENTRATE, I NEED YOUR POWERS TO BE AT 100%!
TOGETHER, WE'LL BE INVINCIBLE!
YOU'LL SEE, I'LL MAKE YOU PROUD OF ME!
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
OPEN MODULES 2, 3, 4, 13, 16, AND 17!
KLAK
HA! PERFECT! THIS'LL GET THEIR BLOOD BOILING!
AN ENRAGED ADVERSARY DOESN'T THINK CLEARLY .
...HE BECOMES WEAK.
IT IS TRUE. .
IT WAS FEAR THAT PUSHED ME TO LAUNCH THIS MAD CRUSADE. .
AND NOW THAT ITS FINAL HOUR DRAWS NEAR. . I'VE REALIZED THAT IT WAS FEAR NOT FOR MYSELF...
.BUT FOR YOU. .
. .MY SON.

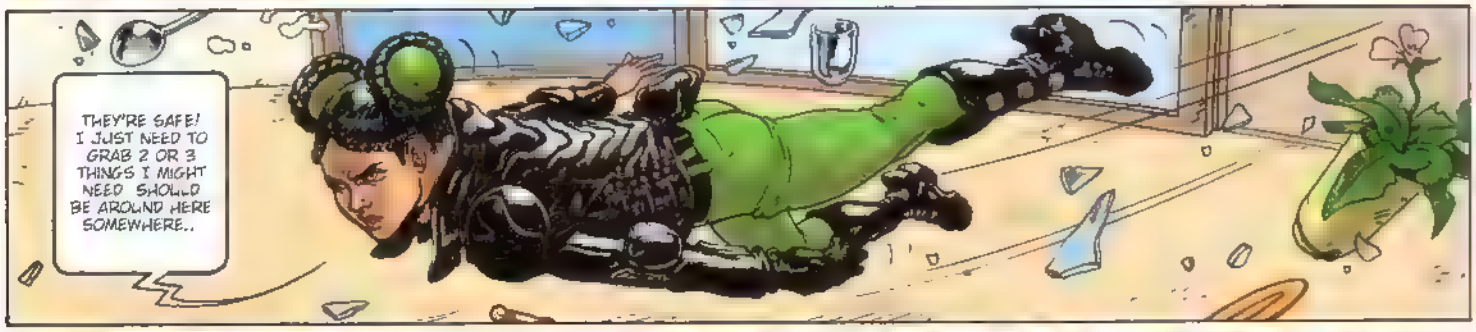

AAAAH!
POUKRAM!
FLOSH!
THIS IS AWFUL!!
ALL THE PLANTS AND ANIMALS ARE DYING...
THE PLANTS! POUKRAM!
I'M SORRY I'VE BEEN SUCH AN AWFUL STUDENT..
MACKEL LOSS!! Oh no...
C'MON, HANG IN THERE YOU HUNK OF JUNK!!
KRUNK
KRUNK
LET'S HOPE THEY'RE ALL STILL INSIDE!
OOF!!

YEEHAW! THIS REMINDS ME OF SNALOOGIAN HUNTING!

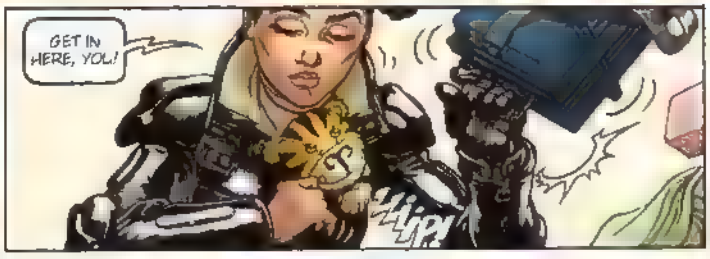
GOTCHA!

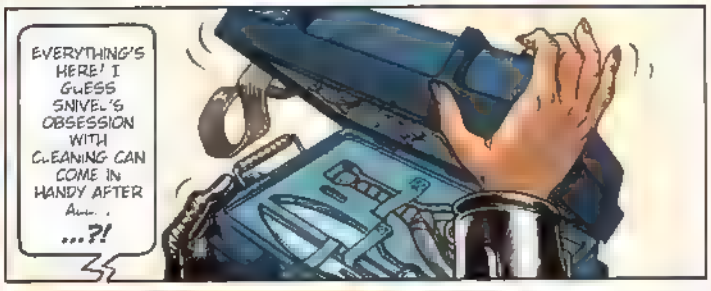
THAT'LL BE ONE 4-PACK TO GO, PLEASE!


HUMPH! THANK GOODNESS THE GRAVITY'S TURNED OFF!


THEY'RE SAFE! I JUST NEED TO GRAB 2 OR 3 THINGS I MIGHT NEED SHOULD BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE..

AH!


GET IN HERE, YOU!
HIPP!


EVERYTHING'S HERE! I GUESS SNIVEL'S OBSESSION WITH CLEANING CAN COME IN HANDY AFTER ALL..
...?!

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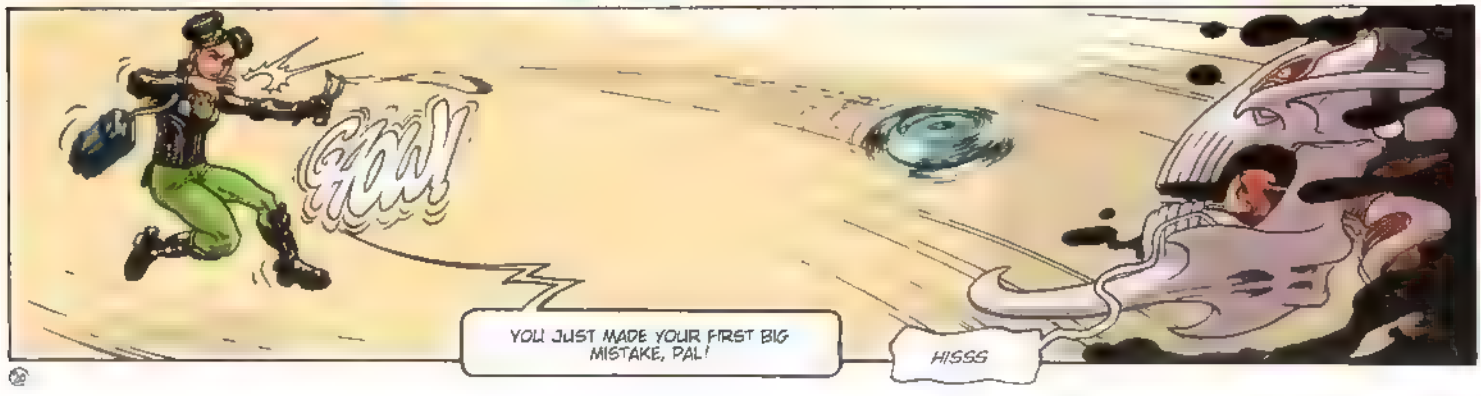
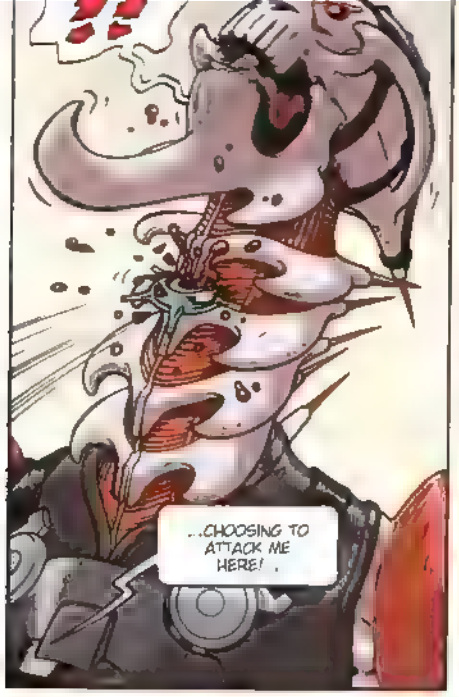
THOSE VIBRATIONS ..

A PSYCHO-TELEPORTAL!


YOU JUST MADE YOUR FIRST BIG MISTAKE, PAL!
HISSS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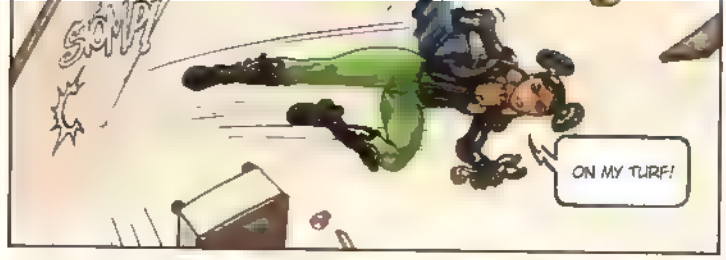
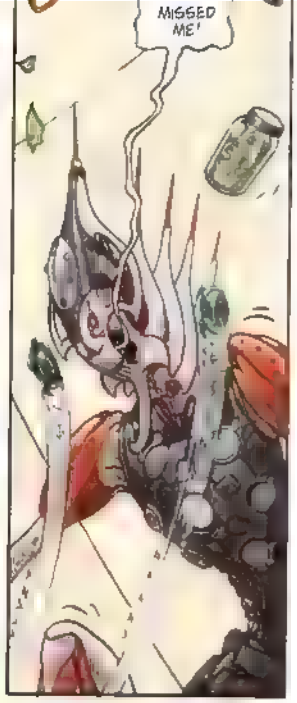
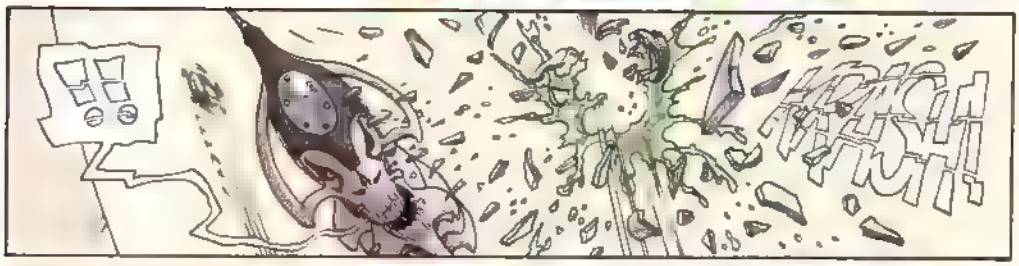
...CHOOSING TO ATTACK ME HERE!


ON MY TURF!


MISSED ME!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CRASH
CRUNCH

TCK!
TCK!
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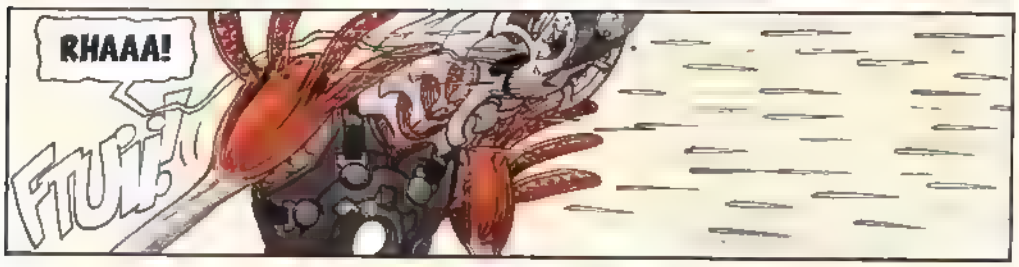
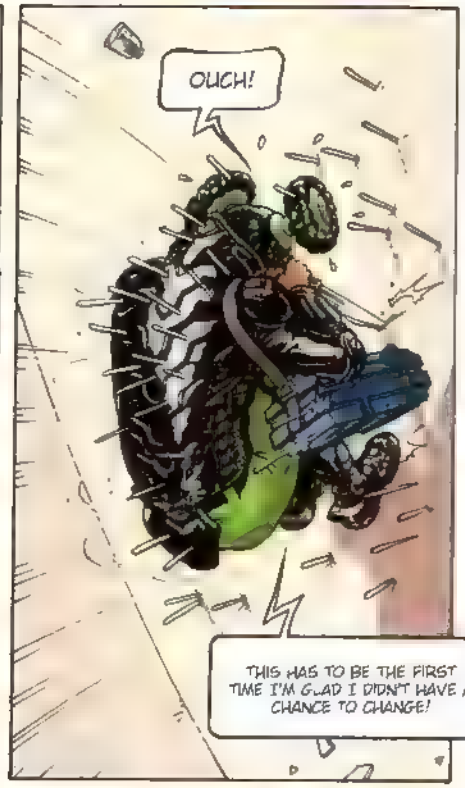
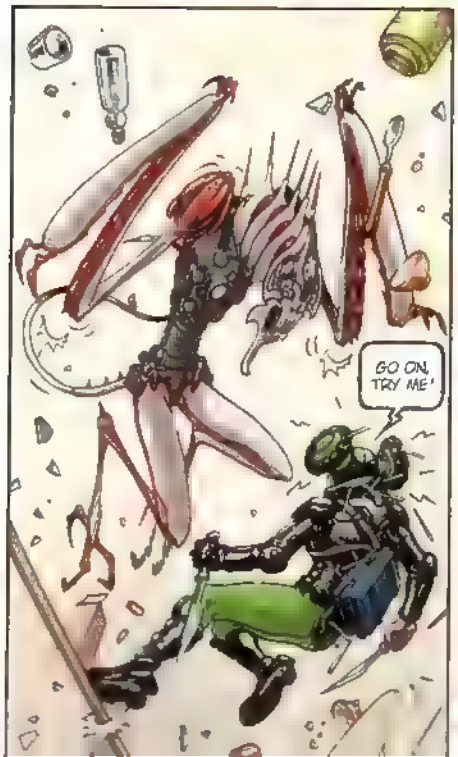
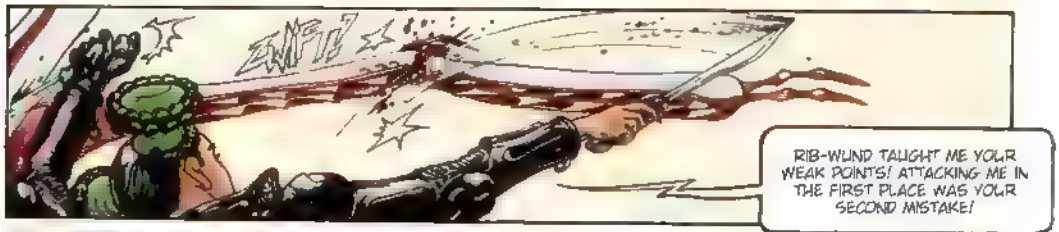
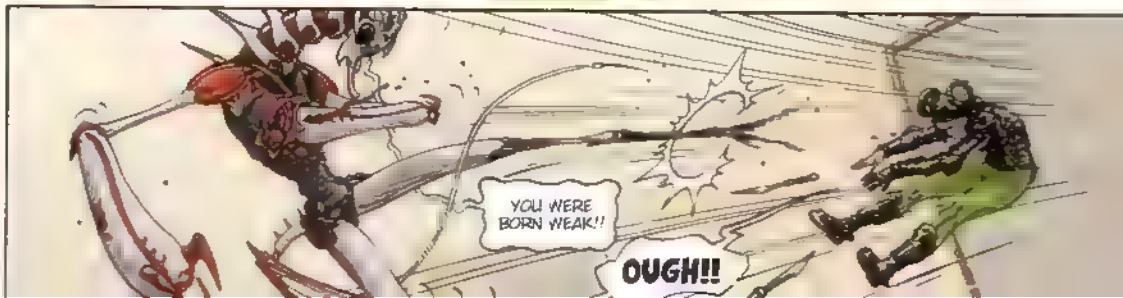

RHAAA!
FTUM!


OUCH!
THIS HAS TO BE THE FIRST TIME I'M GLAD I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO CHANGE!


GO ON, TRY ME!


ZWIP!!
RIB-WUND TAUGHT ME YOUR WEAK POINTS! ATTACKING ME IN THE FIRST PLACE WAS YOUR SECOND MISTAKE!

WHISSSSSS
YOUR MISTAKE... IS YOUR GENOME.
TAK!
OUCH!


YOU WERE BORN WEAK!!
OUGH!!

YOU CAN'T!

MMMH...

THERE ARE A THOUSAND VARIABLES, ANTICIPATING ALL THEIR MOVEMENTS...

WHILE KEEPING TRACK OF CHANGING FORCES DUE TO COLLISIONS, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE

YIARHU-STANNVISS COULD DO IT!

PERHAPS, BUT WHAT USE WAS IT TO HIM, IF HE..

?!

I FELT IT TOO

!!

!!

A PSYCHO-TELEPORTAL!

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?! I DETECT NO PSIONIC PRESENCE...

!!

HELLOOO!

PLOW!

PLOW!

PLOW!

PLOW!

THIS CREATURE CANNOT USE PSYCHOTELEPORTALS!

TRUE, HE CANNOT

THERE MUST BE AN EXPLANATION!

THAT'S RIGHT! I CAN DISAPPEAR WHEN I WANT TO JUST LIKE YOU!
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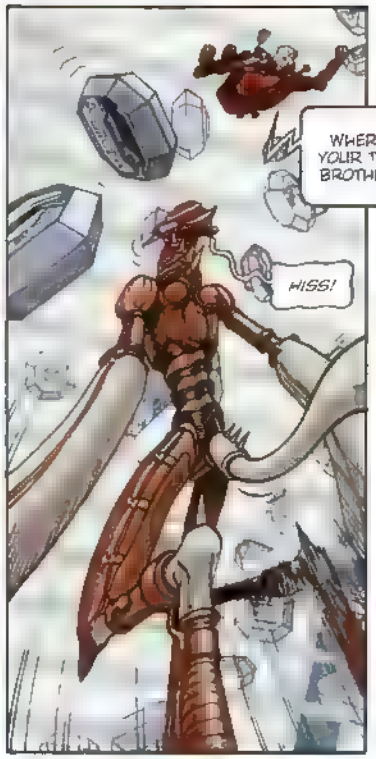
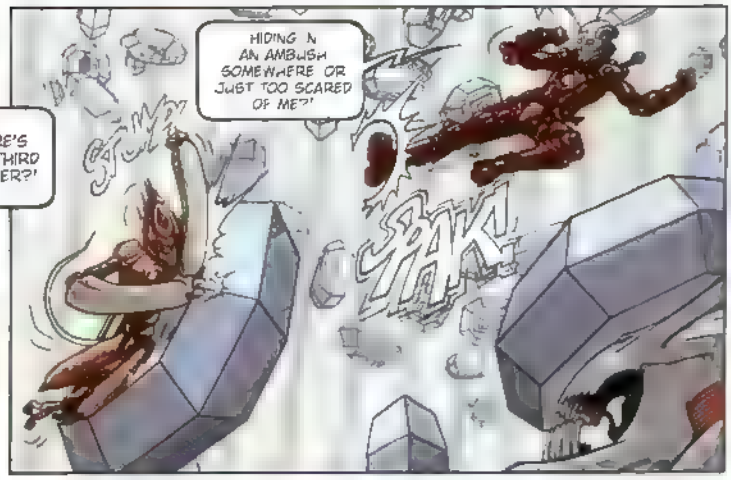
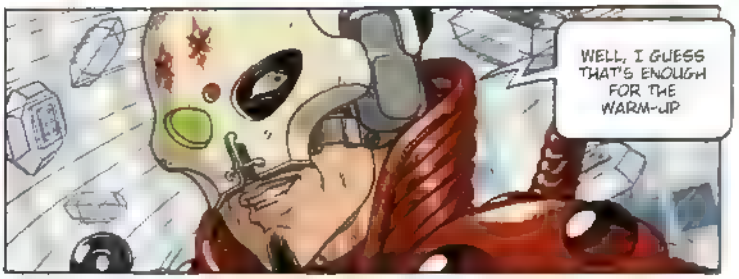
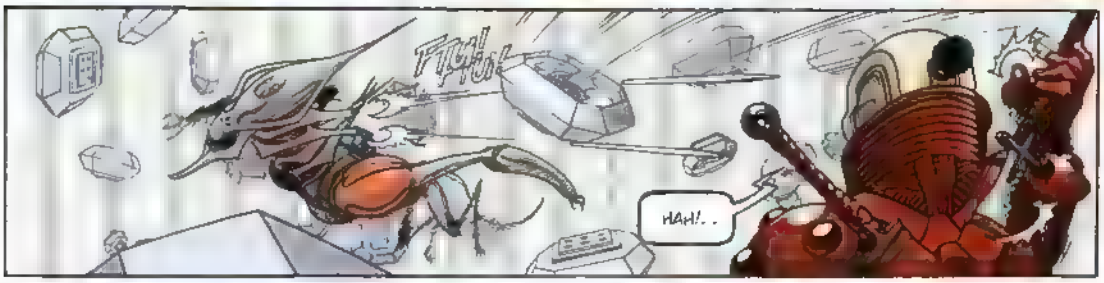
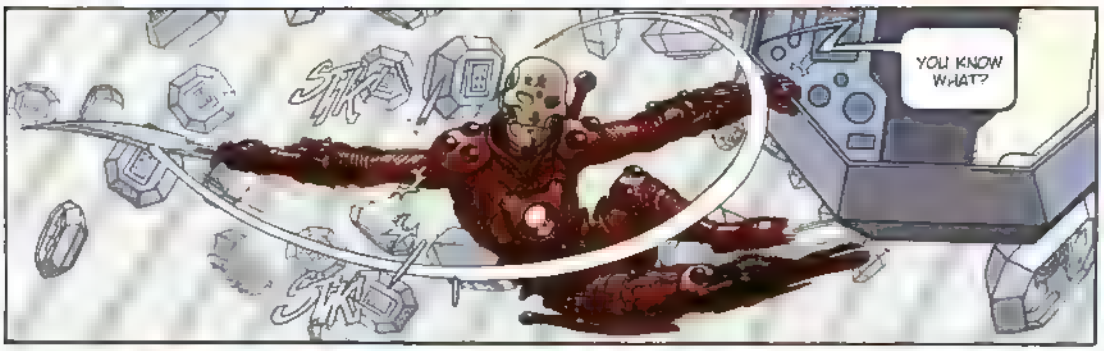

WHERE'S YOUR THIRD BROTHER?!
HISS!

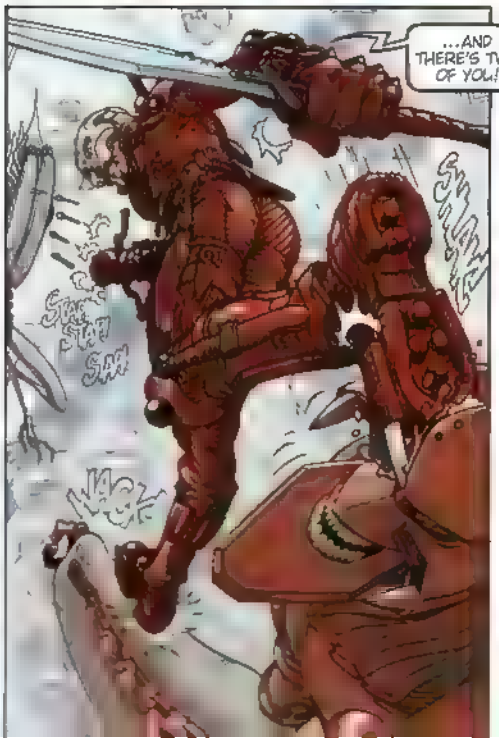

HIDING IN AN AMBUSH SOMEWHERE OR JUST TOO SCARED OF ME?!
SPAK!

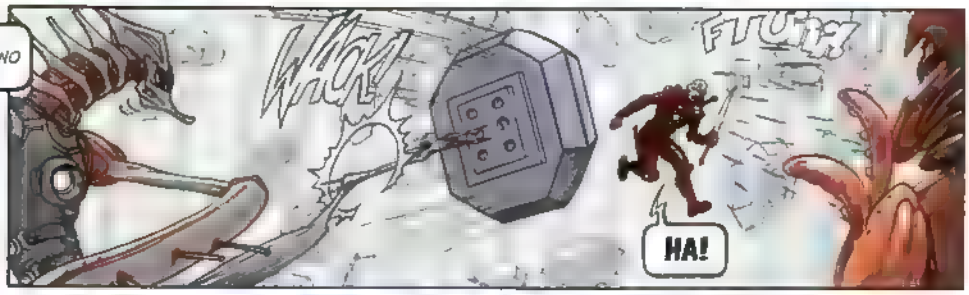

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S ENOUGH FOR THE WARM-UP

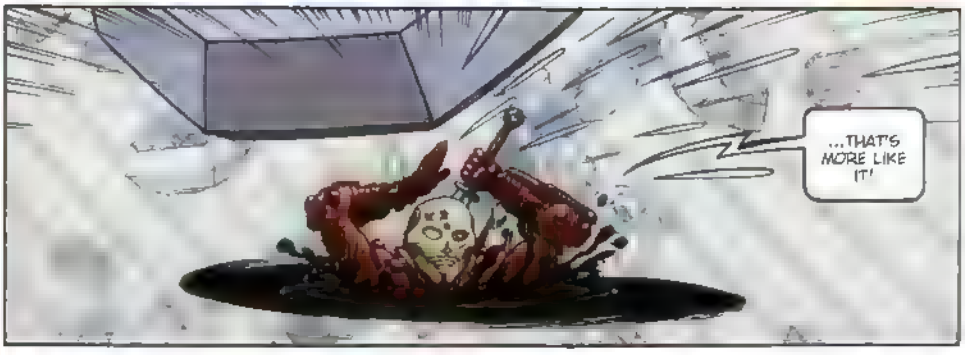

FIGHT!
HAH!..

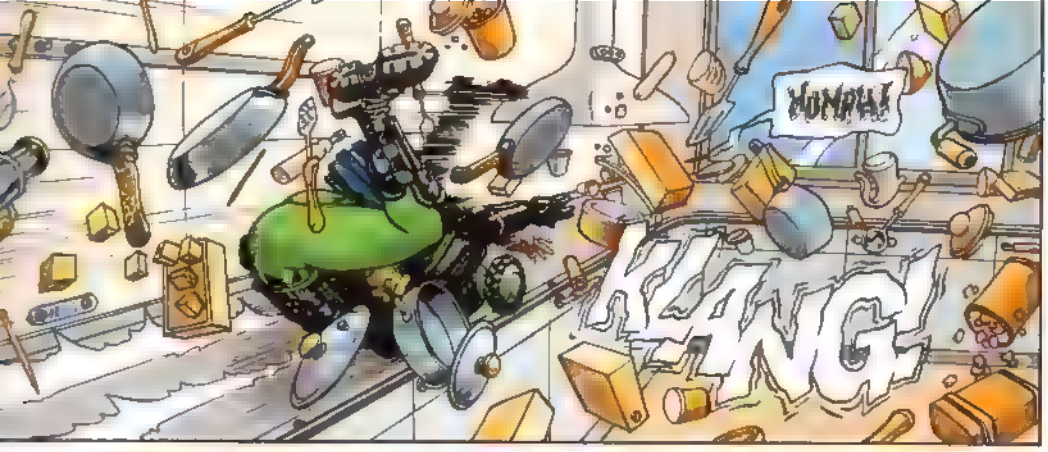
I'M ALREADY BORED...
TUMA TUMA TUMA
WACK!

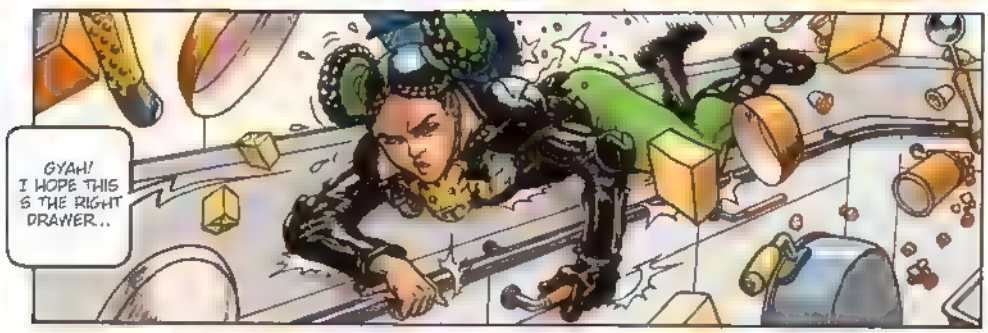

YOU KNOW WHAT?


...AND THERE'S TWO OF YOU!


WACK!
FLUTTER
HA!

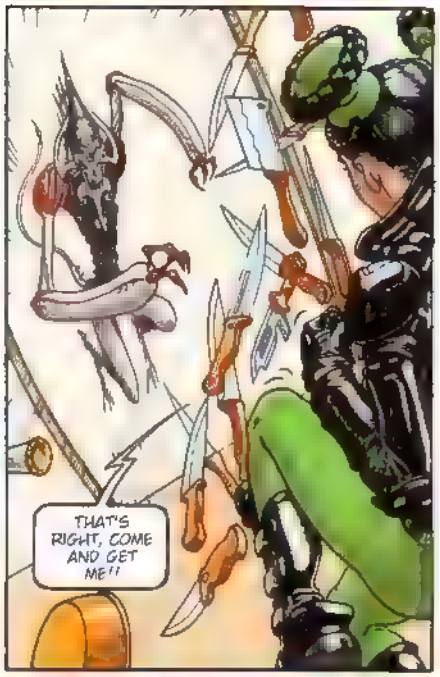

...THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!


HUMPH!
KANG!


GYAH! I HOPE THIS S THE RIGHT DRAWER..

YES!! . SLOW, BROAD MOVEMENTS...'

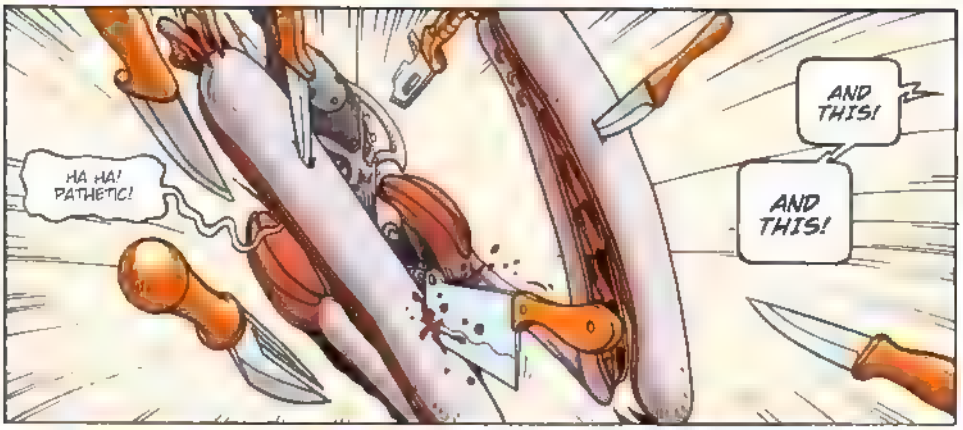
HYA!

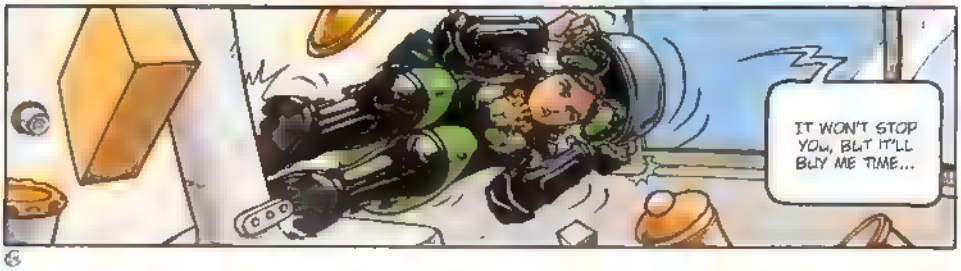

THAT'S RIGHT, COME AND GET ME!!

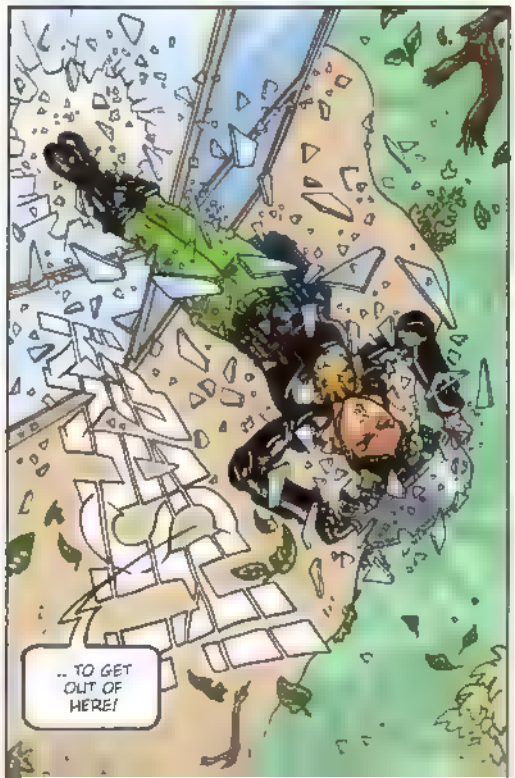
TAKE THIS!
WAK!

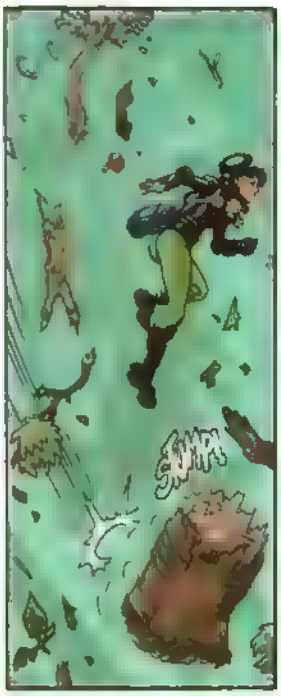
AND THIS!..
AND THIS!.

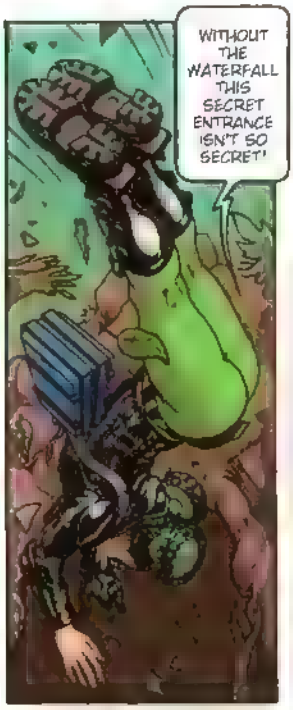
AND THIS!
AND THIS!...


HA HA! PATHETIC!
AND THIS!
AND THIS!


IT WON'T STOP YOU, BUT IT'LL BUY ME TIME...

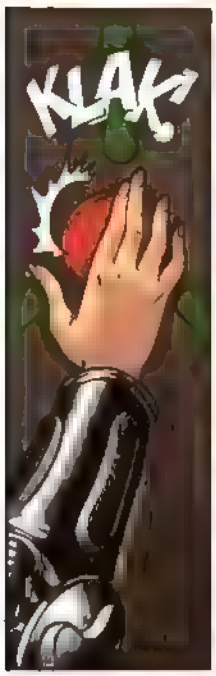

.. TO GET OUT OF HERE!

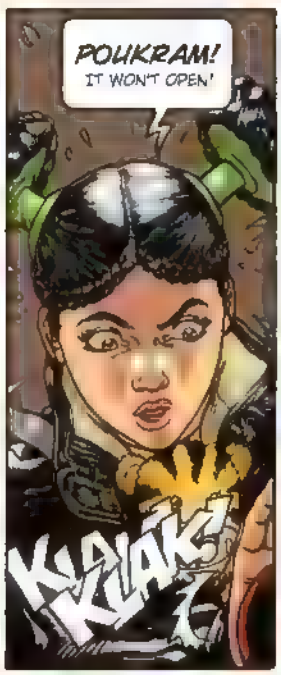

SUMPH

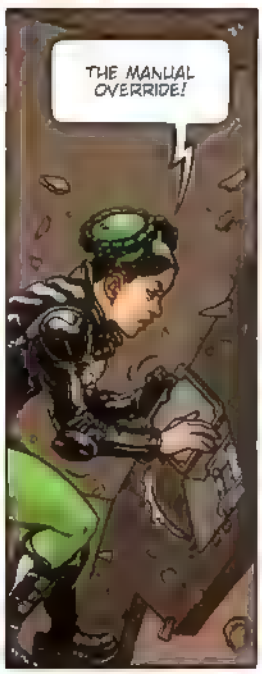

WITHOUT THE WATERFALL THIS SECRET ENTRANCE ISN'T SO SECRET!

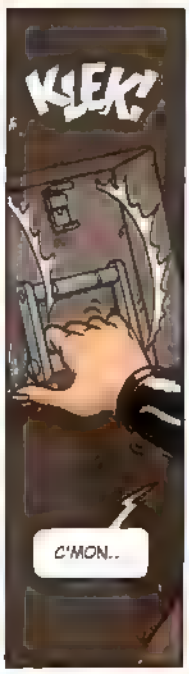
ALMOST THERE!

OOF!!
AT LEAST THIS PLACE IS MOSTLY INTACT...


KLAK


POUKRAM!
IT WON'T OPEN!
KLAKLAK


THE MANUAL OVERRIDE!

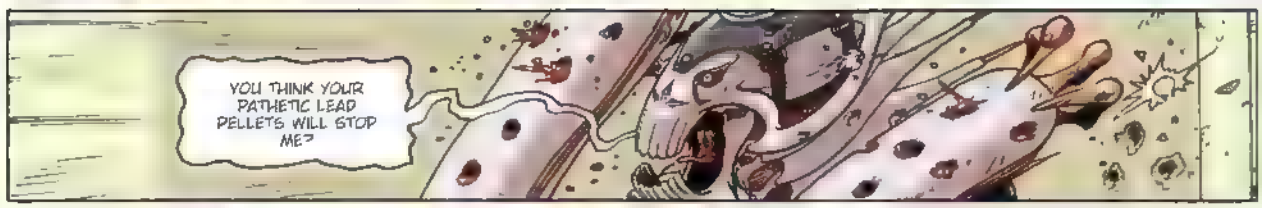

KLEK!
C'MON..

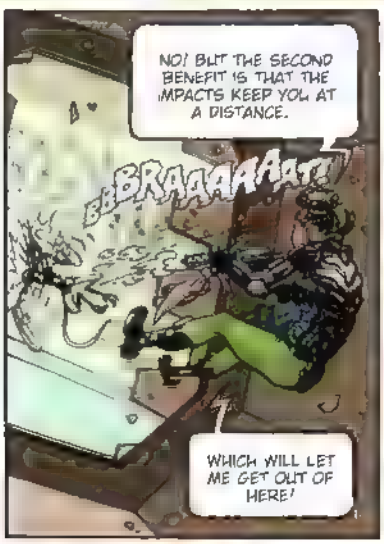
YES!!
THESE SHOULD HELP MAKE UP FOR MY "GENETIC DEFICIENCIES"...

KLAK
HISSSS..
SEE THIS?! THIS IS A GIFT FROM MY FRIEND BERDSQ! ..

SMALL PROJECTILES PROPELLED BY A SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS

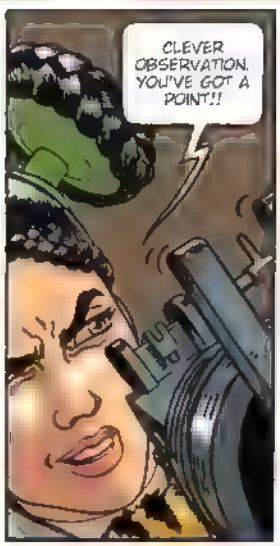
BRAAAAAT
IT'S ARCHAIC, BUT THIS WEAPON HAS TWO ADVANTAGES IN ANTIGRAVITY ! THE RECOIL LETS ME MOVE ALONG THE WALLS...
HUNGH!


YOU THINK YOUR PATHETIC LEAD PELLETS WILL STOP ME?


NO! BUT THE SECOND BENEFIT IS THAT THE IMPACTS KEEP YOU AT A DISTANCE.
BRAAAAAT
WHICH WILL LET ME GET OUT OF HERE!

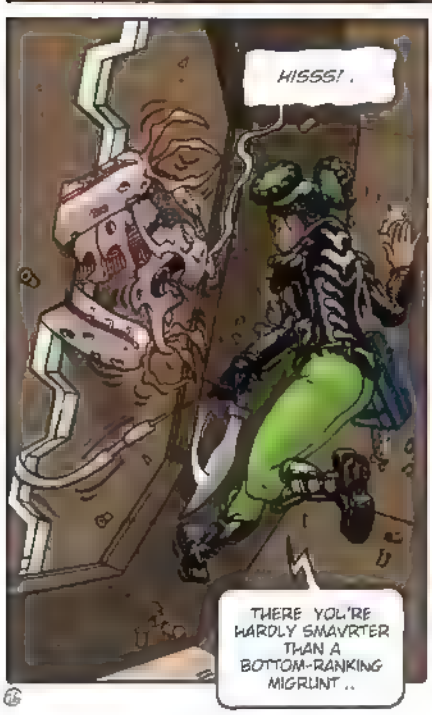
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!

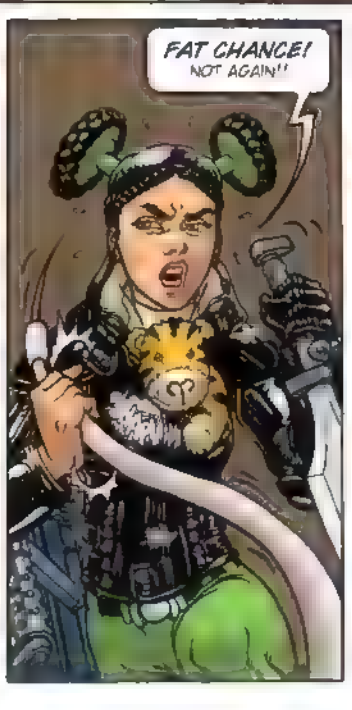
YOUR MUNITIONS ARE NOT INFINITE!


CLEVER OBSERVATION. YOU'VE GOT A POINT!!

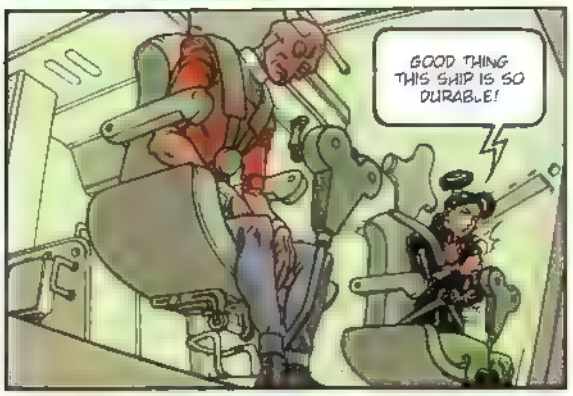
PAW
KRANG

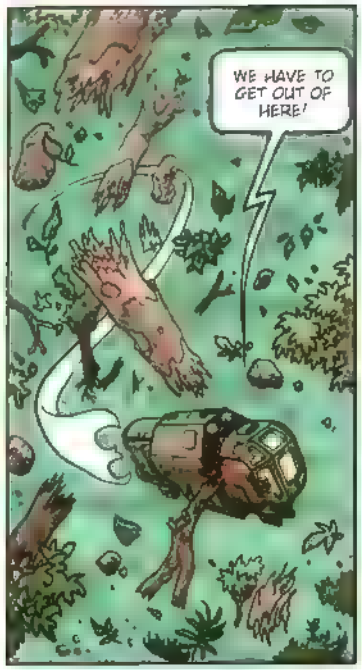
SKKK
?!...

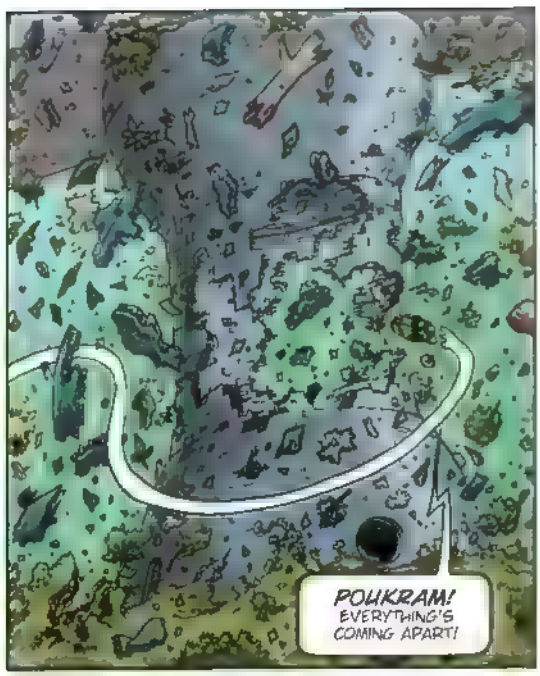

HISSS!
THERE YOU'RE HARDLY SMAVRTER THAN A BOTTOM-RANKING MIGRUNT ..

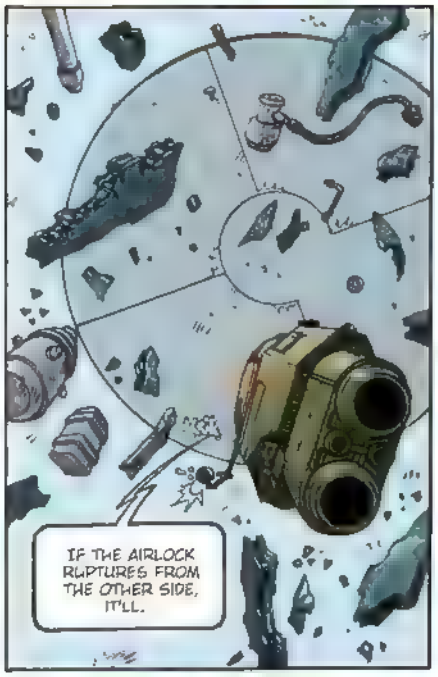

FAT CHANCE! NOT AGAIN!!

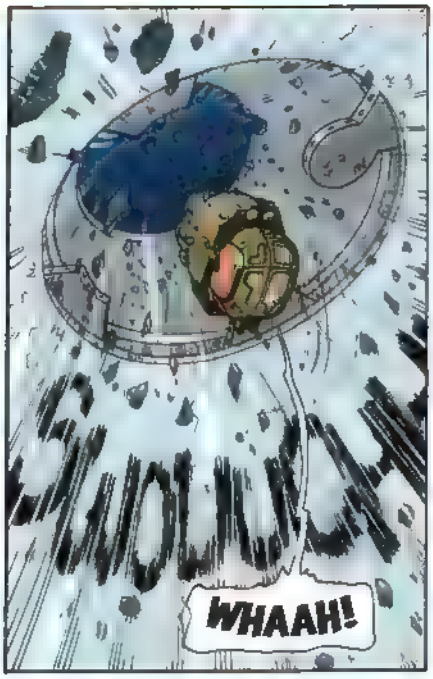
HIYA!
I HAVE OTHER BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO!!

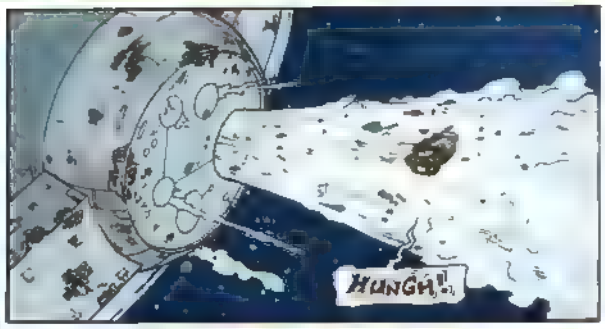

GOOD THING THIS SHIP IS SO DURABLE!

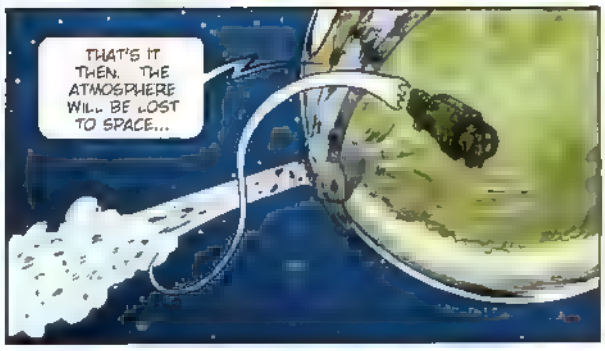

WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!


POUKRAM! EVERYTHING'S COMING APART!

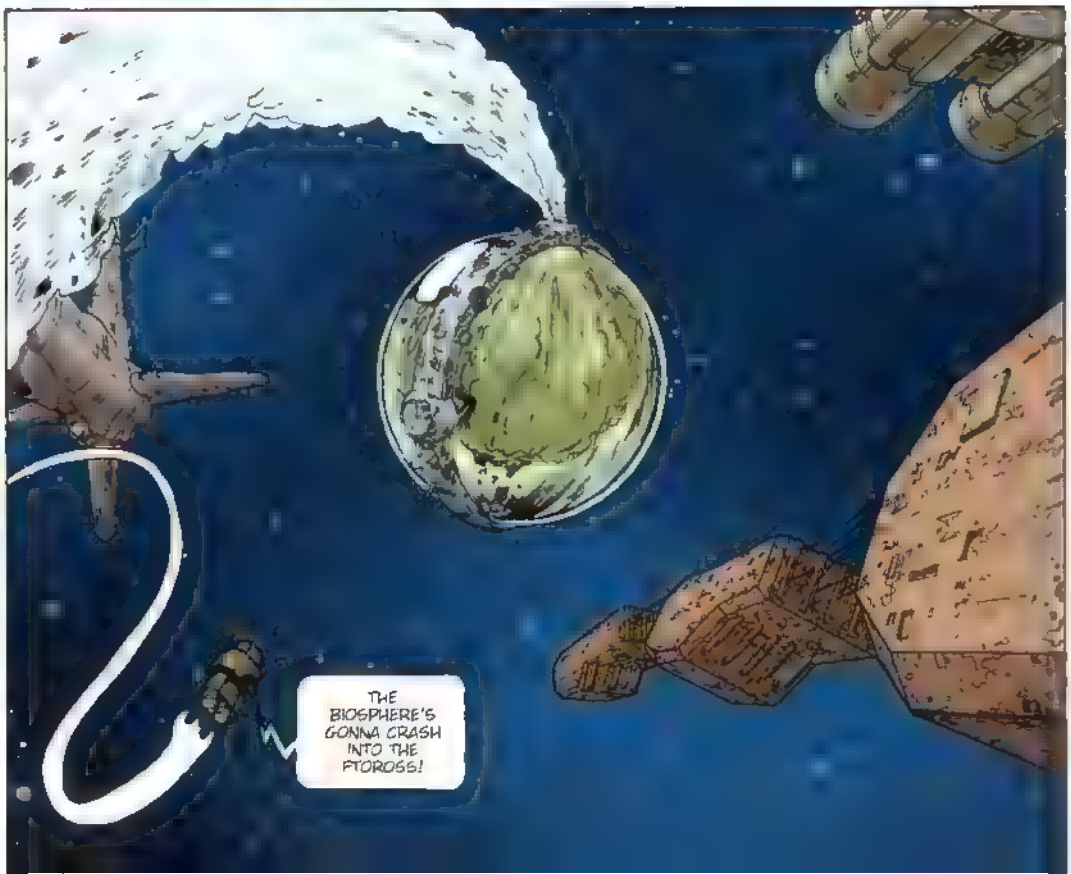

IF THE AIRLOCK RUPTURES FROM THE OTHER SIDE, IT'LL.

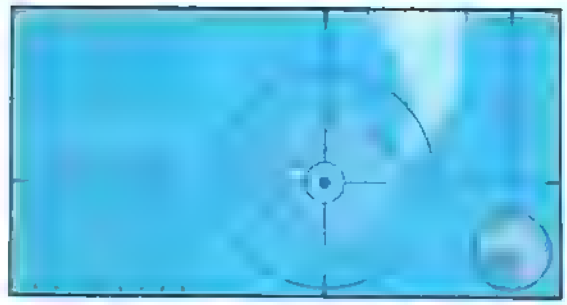

WHAAH!


HUNGH!


THAT'S IT THEN. THE ATMOSPHERE WILL BE LOST TO SPACE...

POUKRAM! THE DEPRESSURIZATION IS KNOCKING IT OFF COURSE!

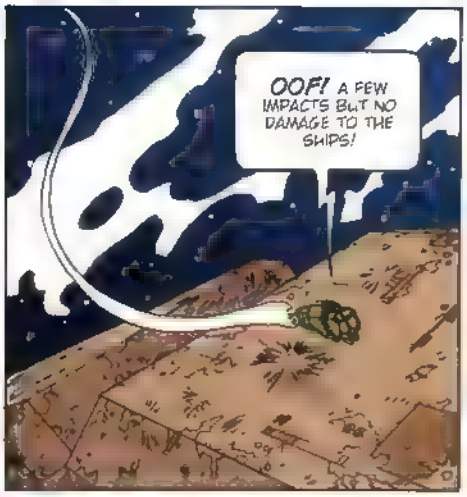

THE BIOSPHERE'S GONNA CRASH INTO THE FTOROSS!



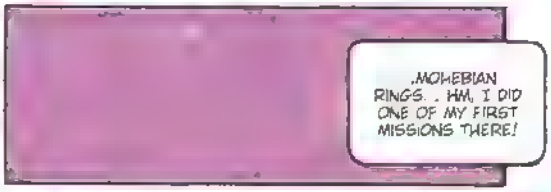
SNAP!

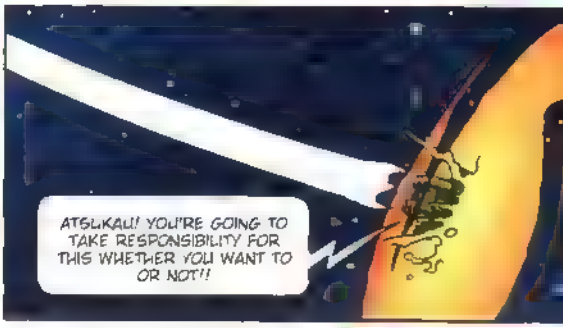
K.F.K!

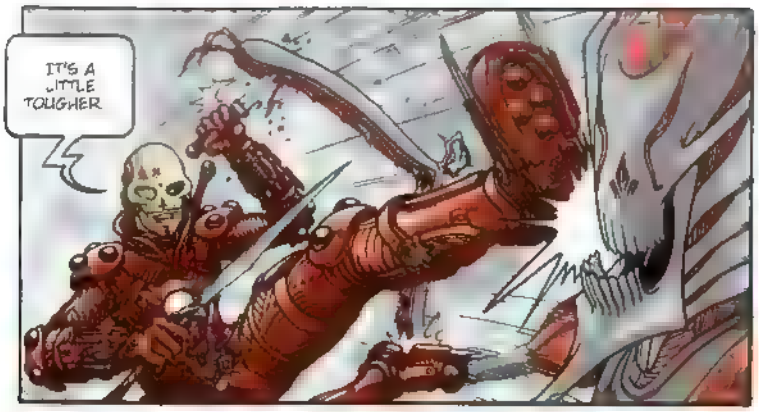
LOOKS LIKE I'M HOMELESS... AGAIN!!

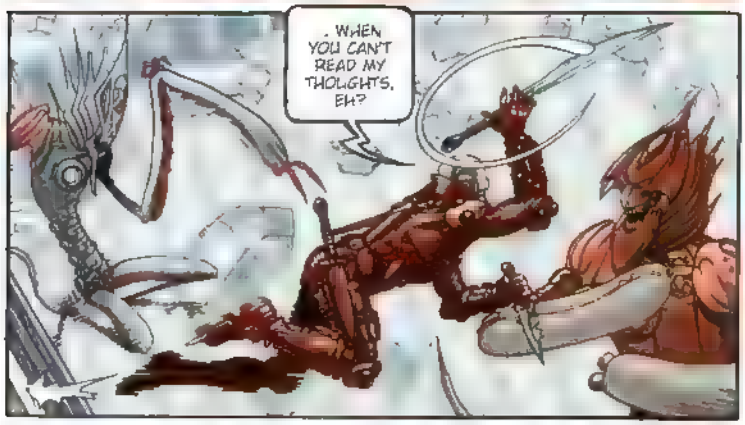

OOF! A FEW IMPACTS BUT NO DAMAGE TO THE SHIPS!

I HOPE THE COORDINATES TO KANNOTEK NA III ARE STILL VALID!
RAK!
ZZZZZ

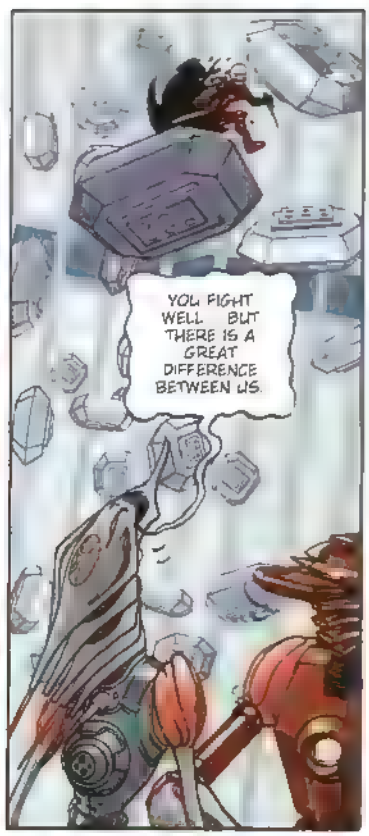

MOHEBIAN RINGS... HM, I DID ONE OF MY FIRST MISSIONS THERE!

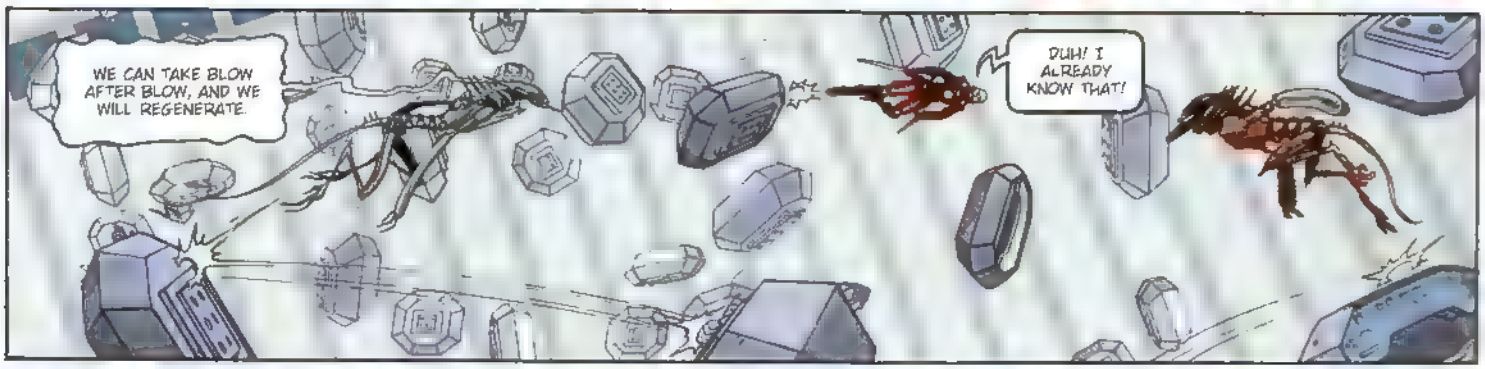

ATSUKAI! YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS WHETHER YOU WANT TO OR NOT!!


IT'S A LITTLE TOUGHER

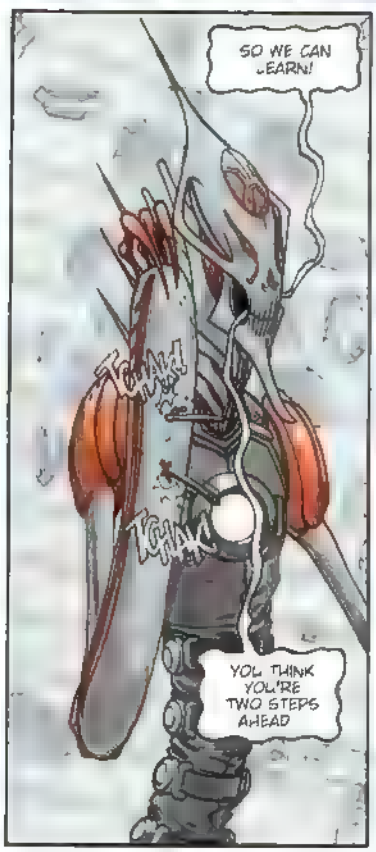

. WHEN YOU CAN'T READ MY THOUGHTS, EH?

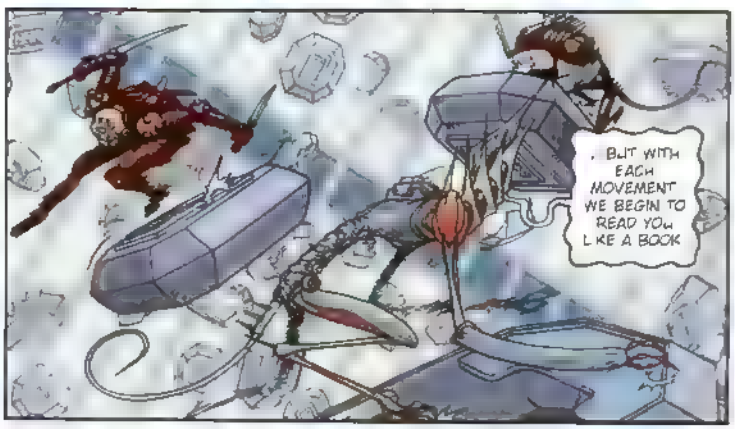
HE IS VERY FAST!

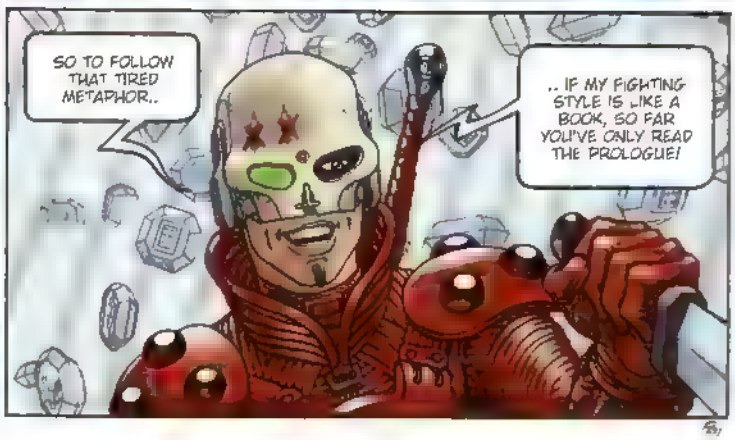

YOU FIGHT WELL BUT THERE IS A GREAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US.


WE CAN TAKE BLOW AFTER BLOW, AND WE WILL REGENERATE.
DUH! I ALREADY KNOW THAT!

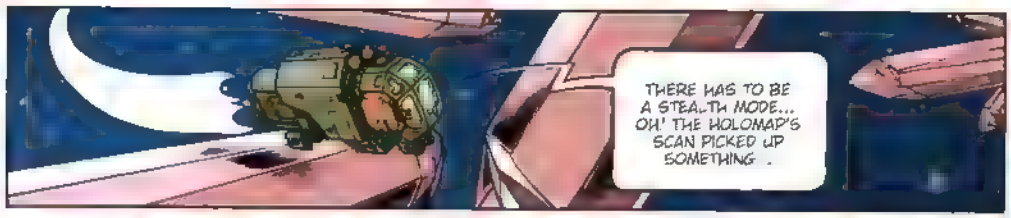
BUT DO YOU KNOW WHY WE FUNCTION THIS WAY?

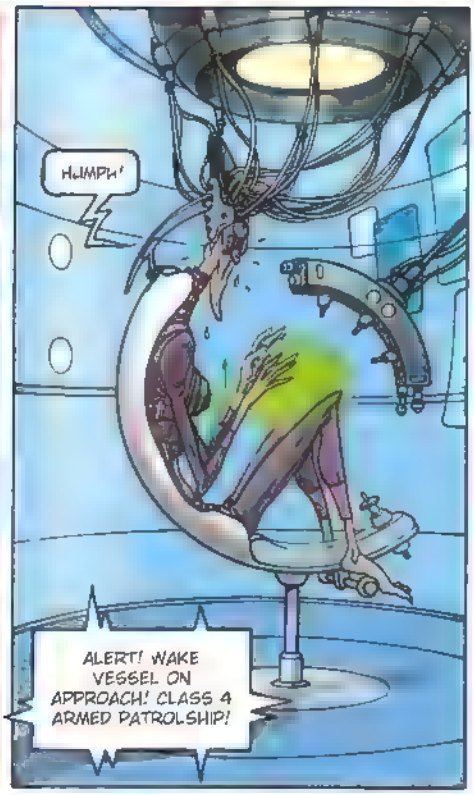

SO WE CAN LEARN!
YOU THINK YOU'RE TWO STEPS AHEAD


. BUT WITH EACH MOVEMENT WE BEGIN TO READ YOU LIKE A BOOK


SO TO FOLLOW THAT TIRED METAPHOR..
.. IF MY FIGHTING STYLE IS LIKE A BOOK, SO FAR YOU'VE ONLY READ THE PROLOGUE!

POUKRAM! IT'S EVEN BIGGER THAN I REMEMBER!

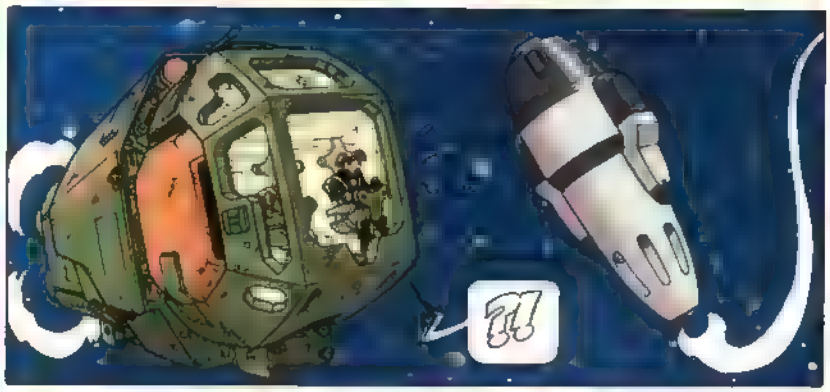

THERE HAS TO BE A STEALTH MODE... OH! THE HOLOMAP'S SCAN PICKED UP SOMETHING .


HUMPH!
ALERT! WAKE VESSEL ON APPROACH! CLASS 4 ARMED PATROLSHIP!

BINGO!

VISUAL ON SCREEN.
NAVIS?! SHE FOUND ME! SHE NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE! SEND HER A 34-R O. UNIT

STILL GOTTA FIGURE OUT OUT HOW TO GET INSIDE... AND WHO KNOWS WHAT'S WAITING FOR ME WHEN I DO!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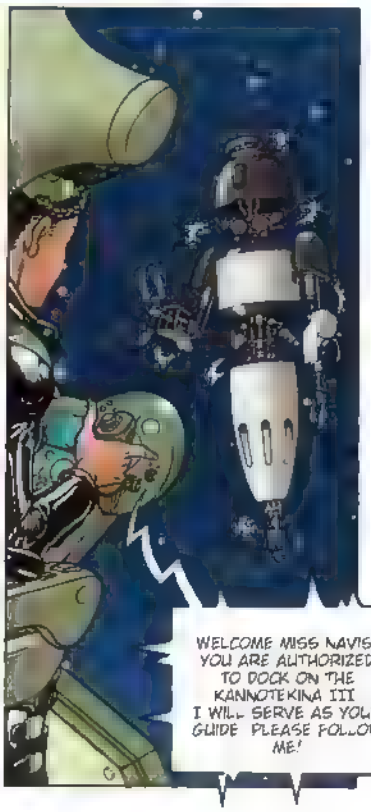
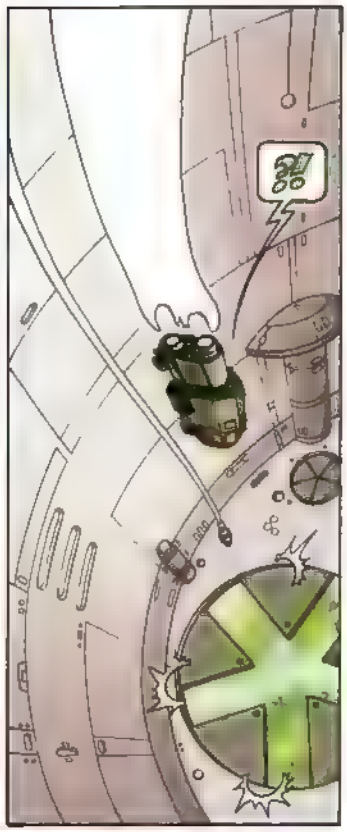
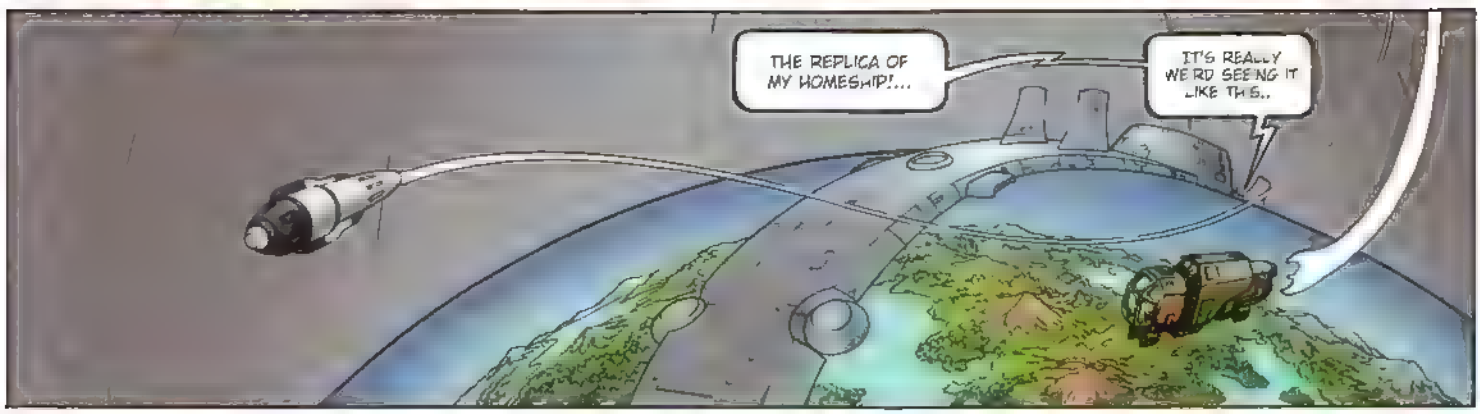
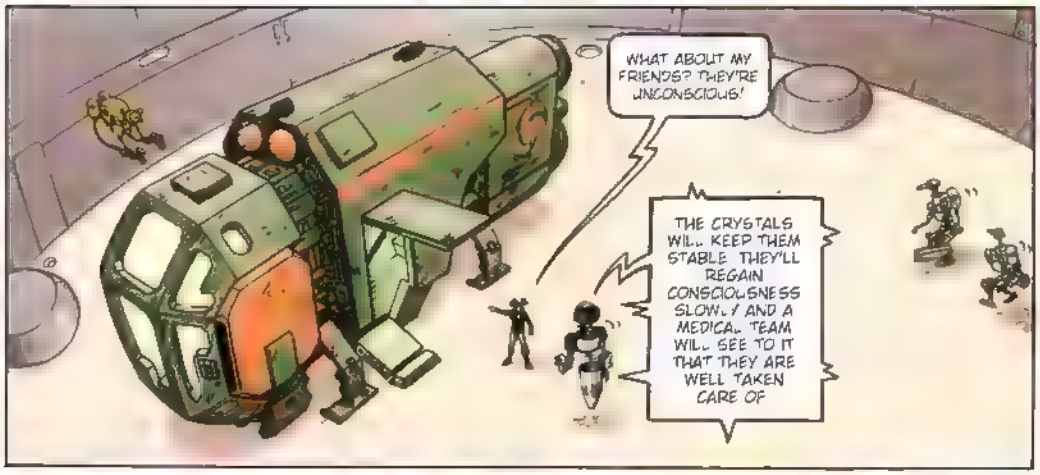
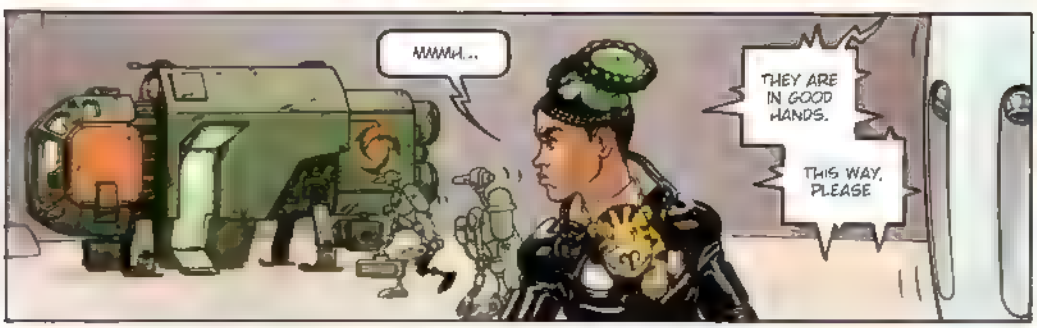
A DRONE!!
...HMMM... FRIEND OR FOE?

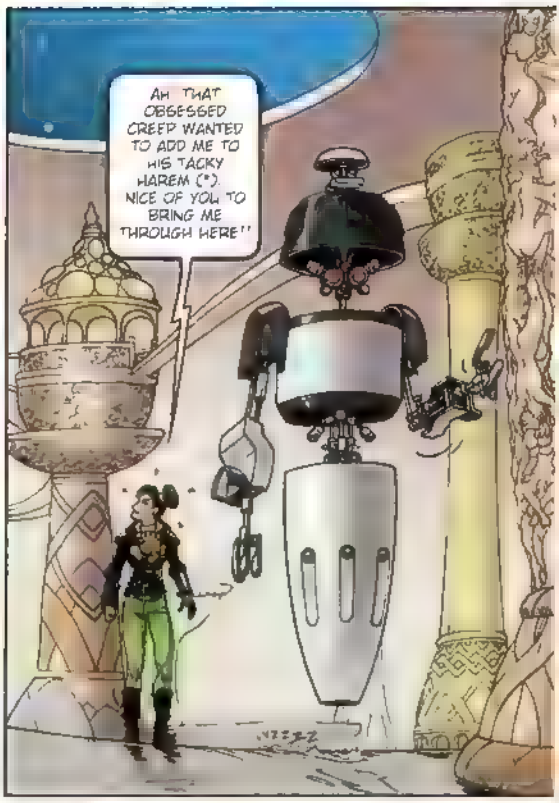

WELCOME MISS NAVIS! YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DOCK ON THE KANNOTEKINA III I WILL SERVE AS YOUR GUIDE PLEASE FOLLOW ME!











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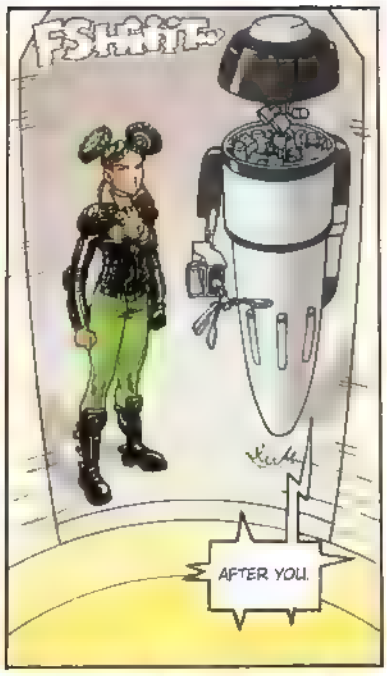
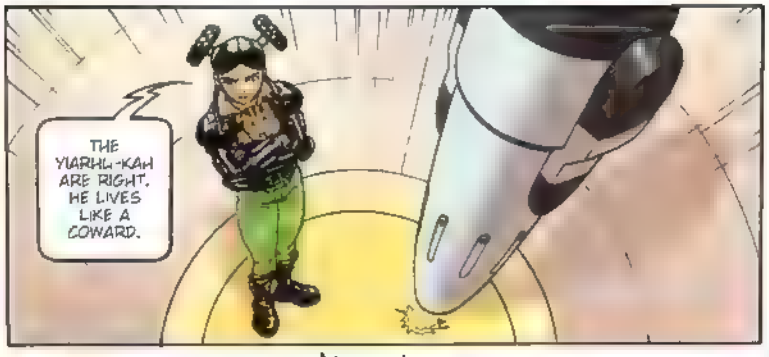
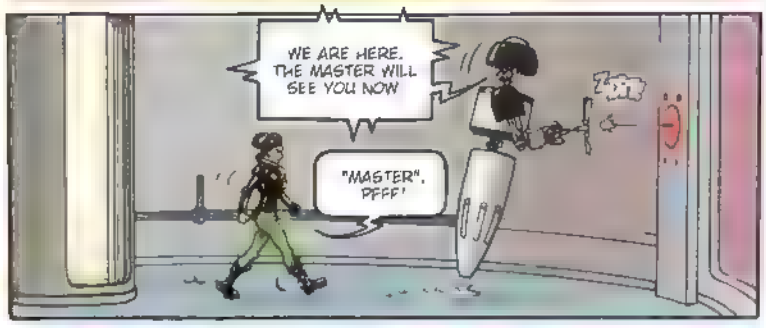
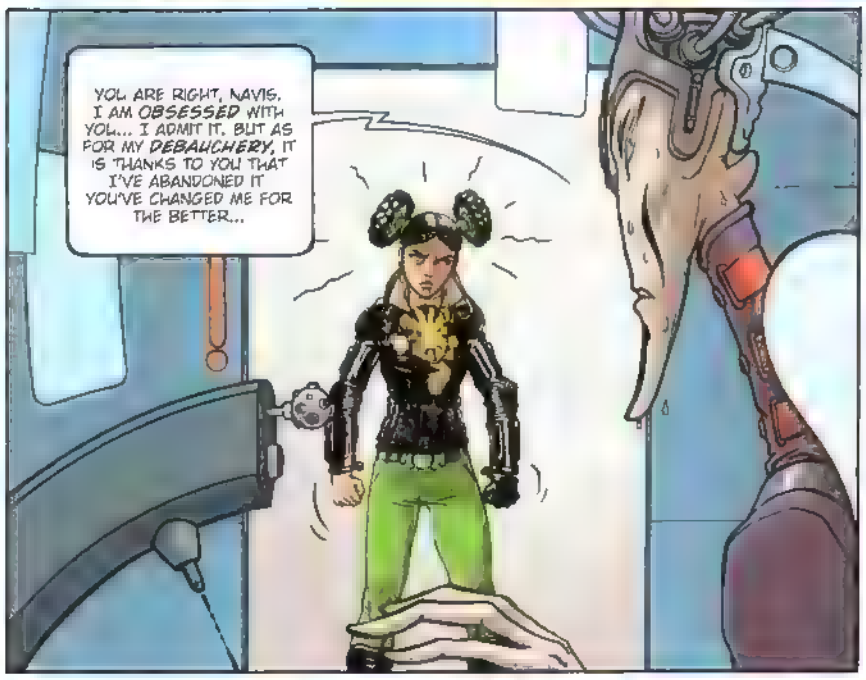
K-K!
NICE TASTE. THE VULGARITY COMPLEMENTS THE DEBAUCHERY


FSHHHT
AFTER YOU.

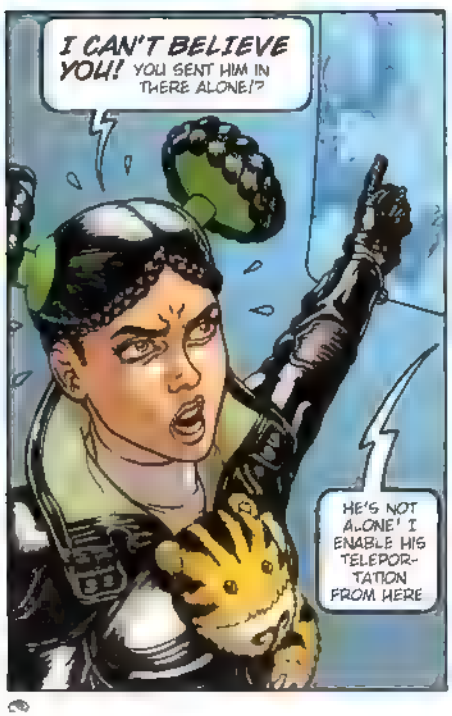

THE YUARHU-KAH ARE RIGHT. HE LIVES LIKE A COWARD.

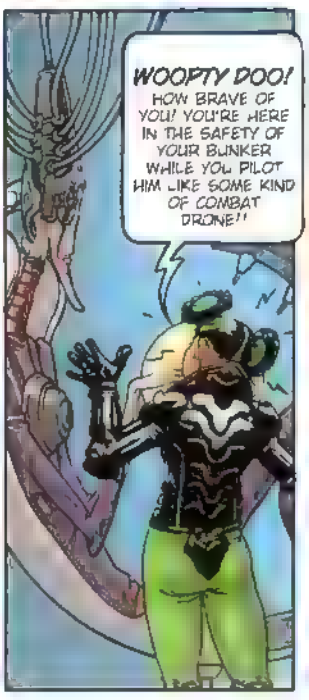

WE ARE HERE. THE MASTER WILL SEE YOU NOW
"MASTER". PFFF!

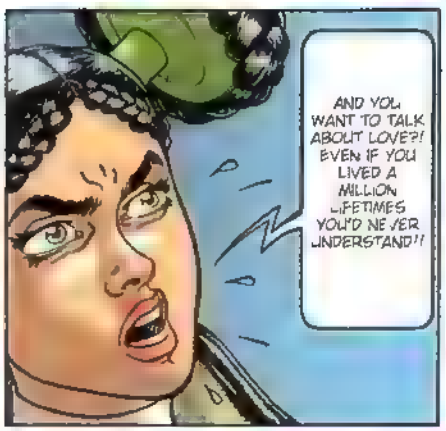

YOU ARE RIGHT, NAVIS. I AM OBSESSED WITH YOU... I ADMIT IT. BUT AS FOR MY DEBAUCHERY, IT IS THANKS TO YOU THAT I'VE ABANDONED IT YOU'VE CHANGED ME FOR THE BETTER...

OH NO! YOU ARE NOT TRYING THE REDEMPTION SCHTICK WITH ME!

BECAUSE EVERY TIME YOU...
?!

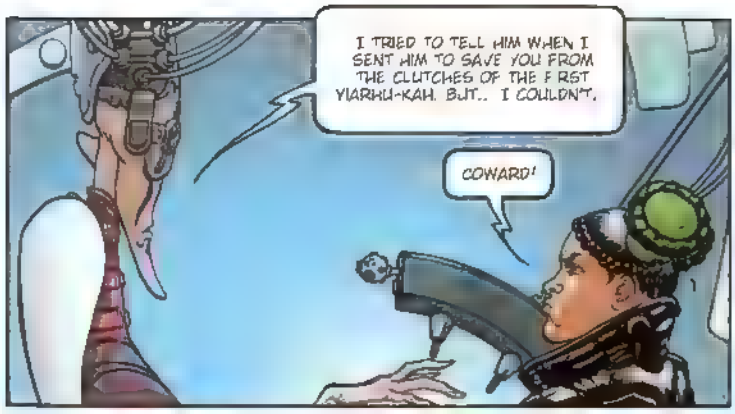

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU! YOU SENT HIM IN THERE ALONE!?
HE'S NOT ALONE! I ENABLE HIS TELEPORTATION FROM HERE


WOOPTY DOO! HOW BRAVE OF YOU! YOU'RE HERE IN THE SAFETY OF YOUR BUNKER WHILE YOU PILOT HIM LIKE SOME KIND OF COMBAT DRONE!!

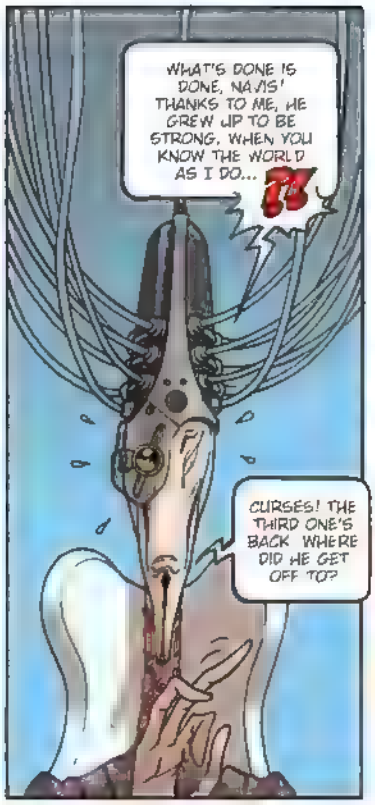

AND YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT LOVE?! EVEN IF YOU LIVED A MILLION LIFETIMES YOU'D NEVER UNDERSTAND!!

NOW ANSWER ME THIS. DOES HE KNOW?

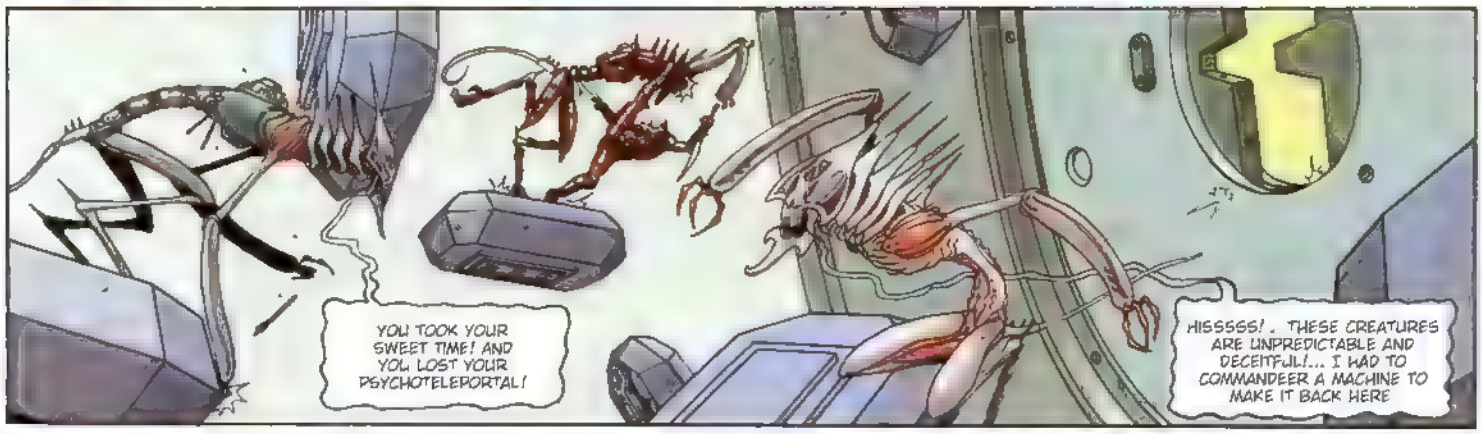
NAVIS, HUMPH! THIS... IS NOT A GOOD TIME!
ANSWER ME!


I TRIED TO TELL HIM WHEN I SENT HIM TO SAVE YOU FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE FIRST YIARHU-KAH. BUT... I COULDN'T.
COWARD!

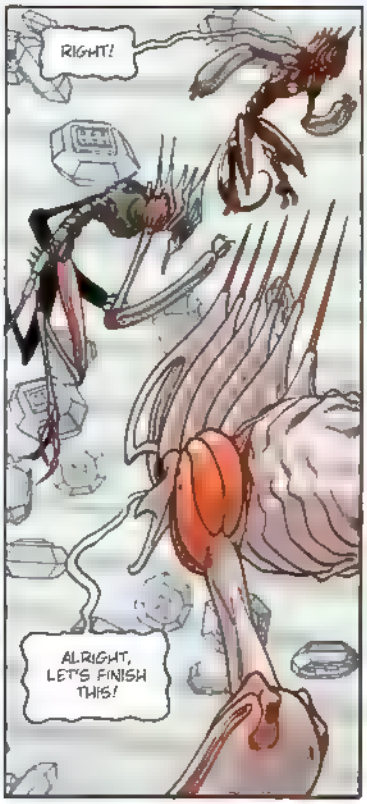
YOU NOT ONLY STOLE FROM ME WHAT MAY BE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR A WOMAN... BUT FROM HIM YOU STOLE HIS CHILDHOOD, HIS HISTORY, HIS IDENTITY, ESSENTIAL PARTS OF HIS... OF OUR LIVES! YOU'RE DESPICABLE!

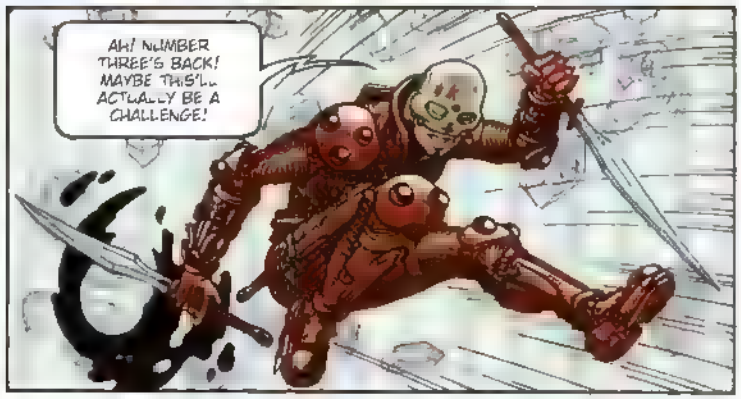

WHAT'S DONE IS DONE, NAVIS! THANKS TO ME, HE GREW UP TO BE STRONG, WHEN YOU KNOW THE WORLD AS I DO...
CURSES! THE THIRD ONE'S BACK. WHERE DID HE GET OFF TO?

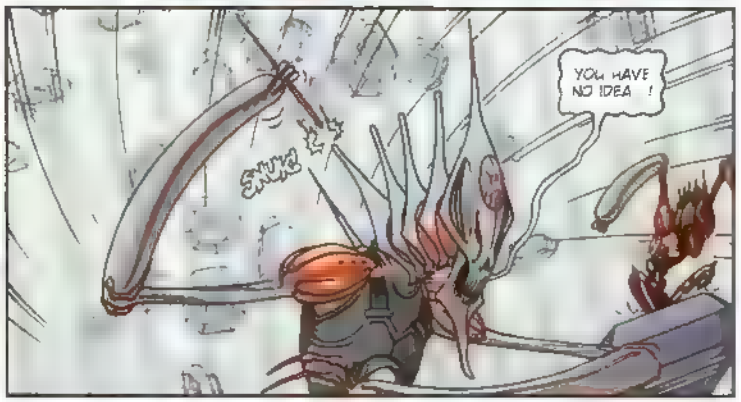
HE WENT OFF TO ELIMINATE ME!! JUST ANOTHER BIT OF COLLATERAL DAMAGE YOUR COWARDICE HAS CAUSED, I SUPPOSE! HOW DID HE ESCAPE, ANYWAY?! I HIT MY BIOSPHERE WITH 9 T.F. MISSILES WHILE HE WAS INSIDE!!
TYRIO-FUSION MISSILES?! YOU ACTUALLY FED HIS POWER WITH ALL THAT ENERGY...

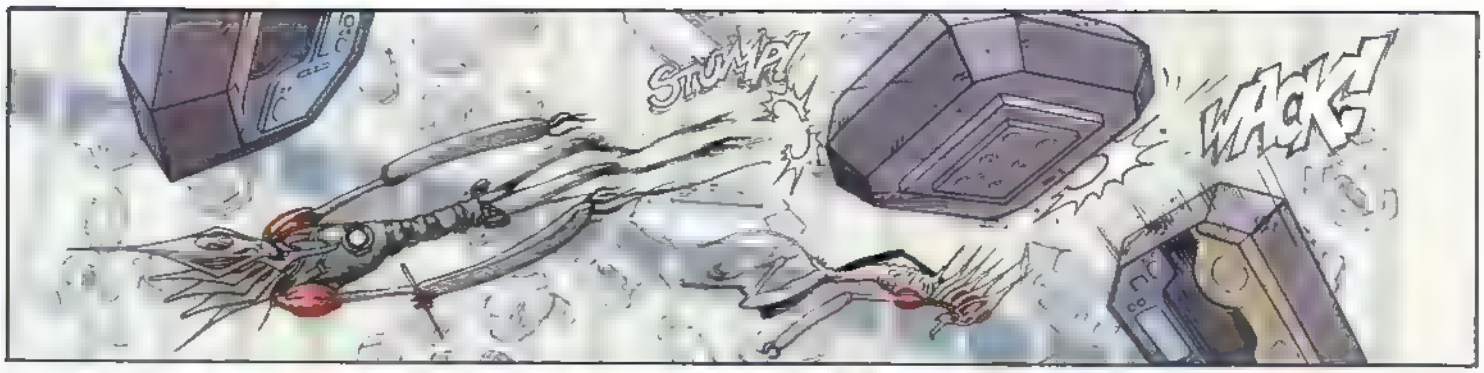

YOU TOOK YOUR SWEET TIME! AND YOU LOST YOUR PSYCHOTELEPORTAL!
HISSSSS!... THESE CREATURES ARE UNPREDICTABLE AND DECEITFUL!... I HAD TO COMMANDEER A MACHINE TO MAKE IT BACK HERE

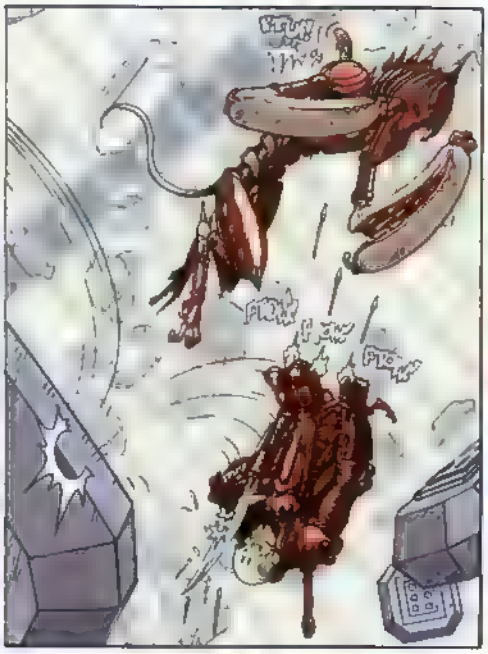
THIS ONE IS TELEPORTING BUT I THINK I KNOW HOW...
HERE'S MY PLAN.

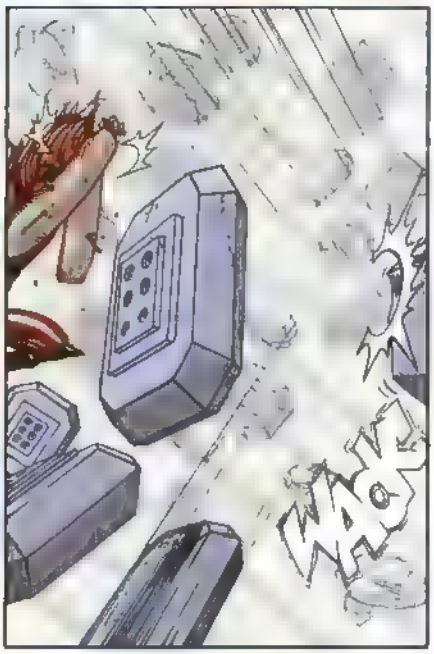

RIGHT!
ALRIGHT, LET'S FINISH THIS!

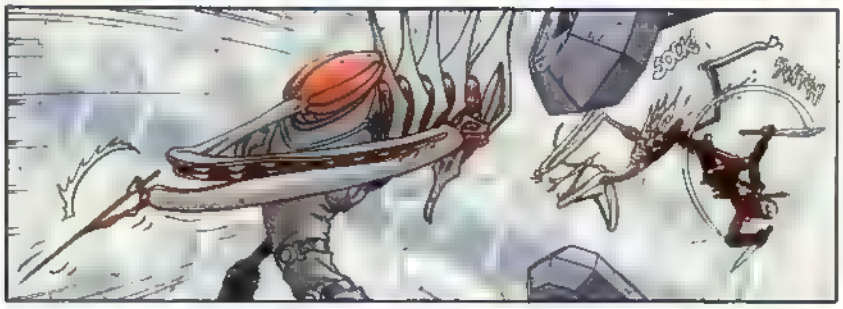

AH! NUMBER THREE'S BACK! MAYBE THIS'LL ACTUALLY BE A CHALLENGE!

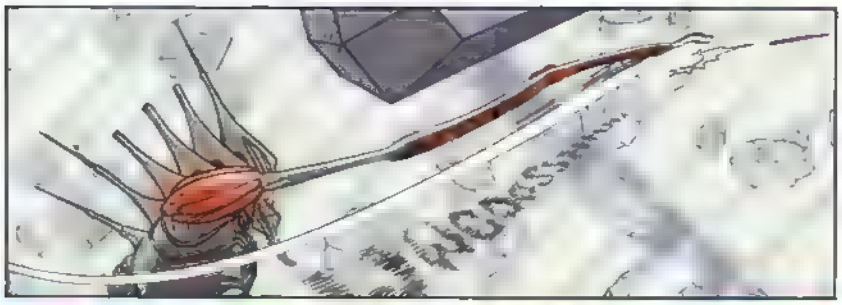

YOU HAVE NO IDEA !
SNUK!


STUMP!
WHAK!


PLOW!
PLOW!

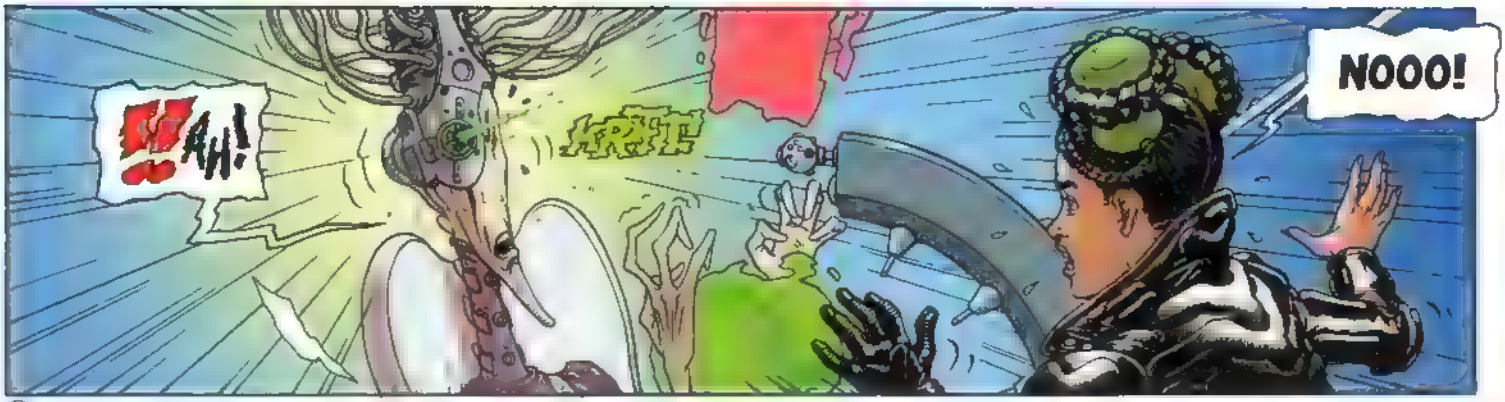

WHAK!


SOOK
FWTH!

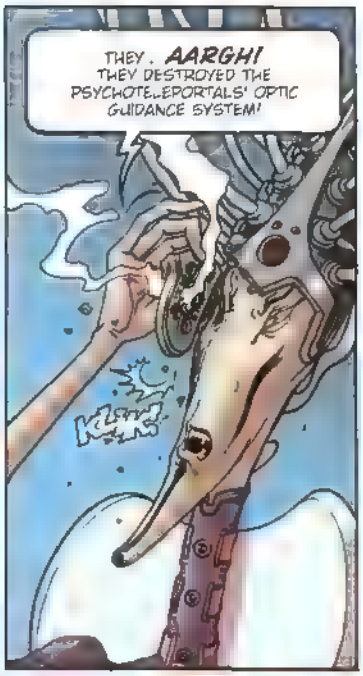


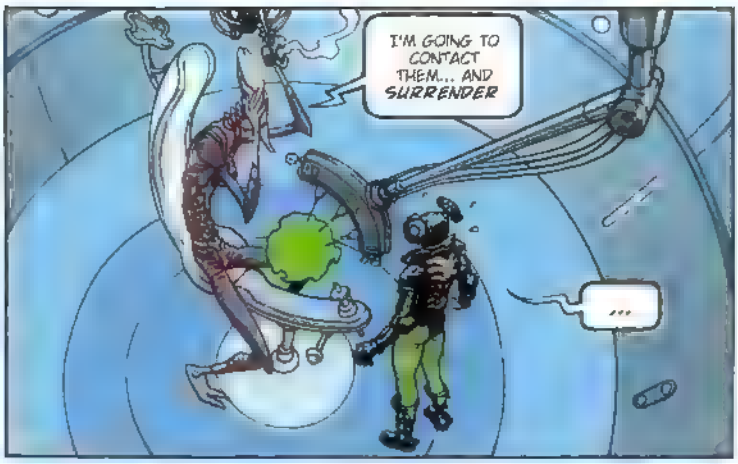
FWU!

KRUNK

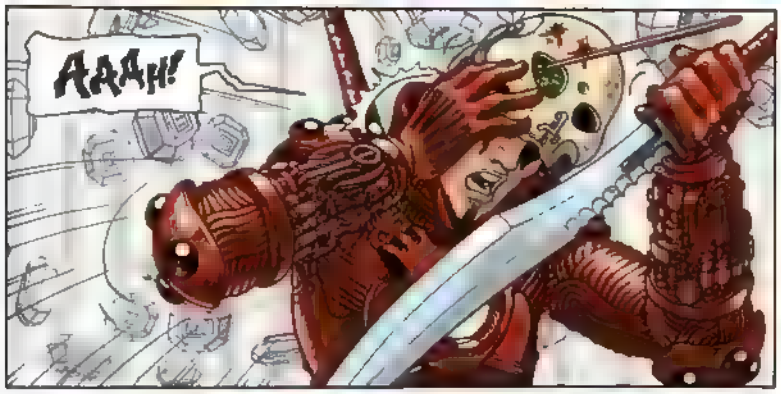

AH!
KRAK!
NOOO!

POUKRAM!
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?!


THEY . AARGH!
THEY DESTROYED THE PSYCHOTELEPORTALS' OPTIC GUIDANCE SYSTEM!
KLAK

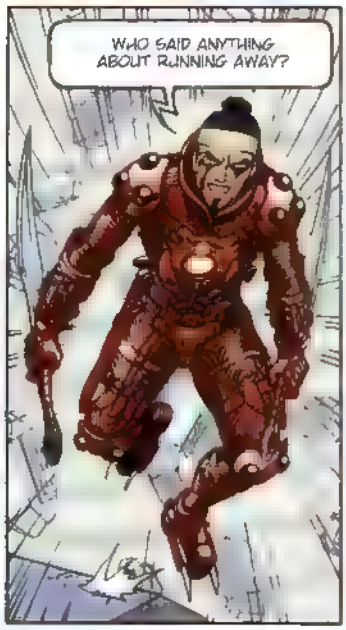

I'M GOING TO CONTACT THEM... AND SURRENDER
...

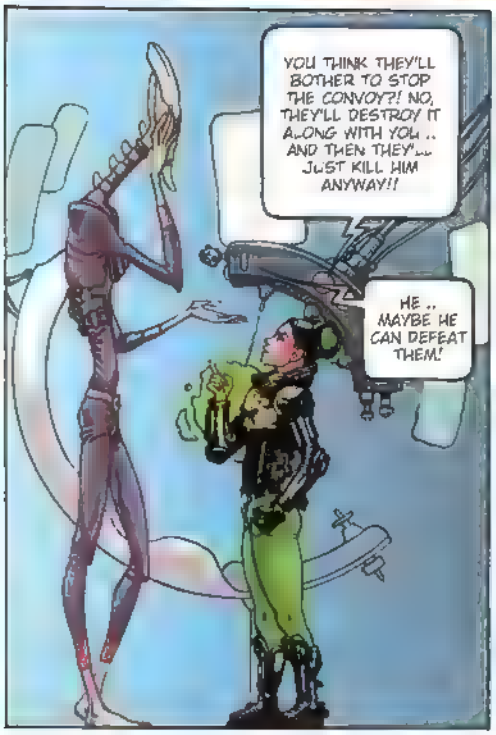
NO!
OUT OF THE QUESTION!!

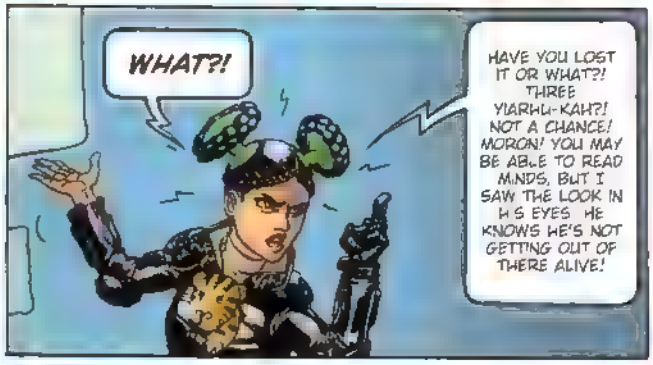

AAAH!

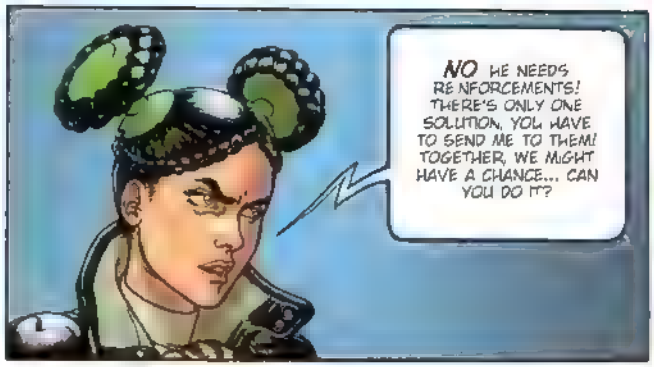
HMPH! YOU KNOW WHAT?..
YOU'RE SMARTER THAN YOU LOOK!

HOW WILL YOU RUN AWAY WITHOUT YOUR TELEPORTATION ?


WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT RUNNING AWAY?


YOU THINK THEY'LL BOTHER TO STOP THE CONVOY?! NO, THEY'LL DESTROY IT ALONG WITH YOU .. AND THEN THEY'LL JUST KILL HIM ANYWAY!!
HE .. MAYBE HE CAN DEFEAT THEM!

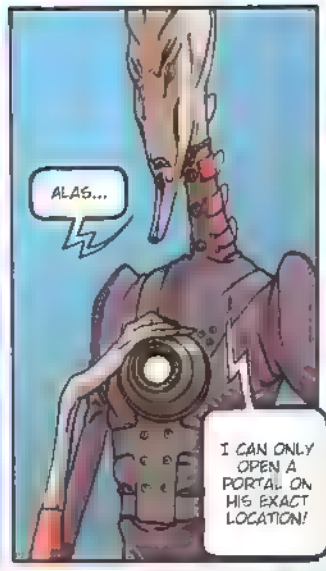

WHAT?!
HAVE YOU LOST IT OR WHAT?! THREE YIARHU-KAH?! NOT A CHANCE! MORON! YOU MAY BE ABLE TO READ MINDS, BUT I SAW THE LOOK IN HIS EYES. HE KNOWS HE'S NOT GETTING OUT OF THERE ALIVE!

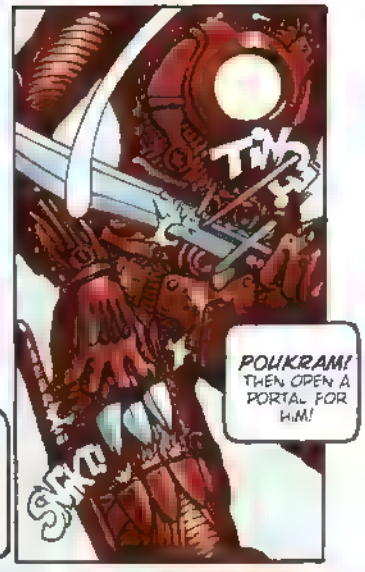

NO HE NEEDS REINFORCEMENTS! THERE'S ONLY ONE SOLUTION, YOU HAVE TO SEND ME TO THEM! TOGETHER, WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE... CAN YOU DO IT?

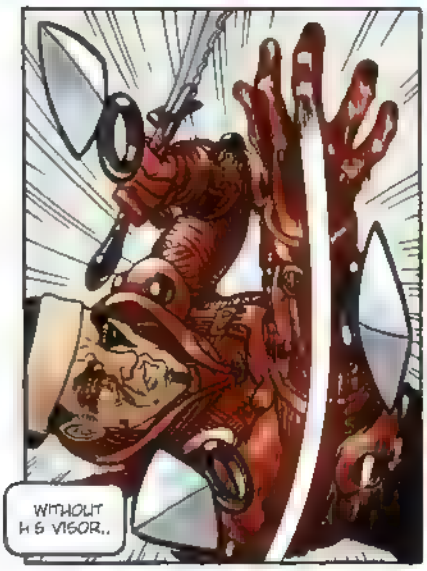
NO! EVEN IF I WANTED TO, THE TRUTH IS... I CAN'T!

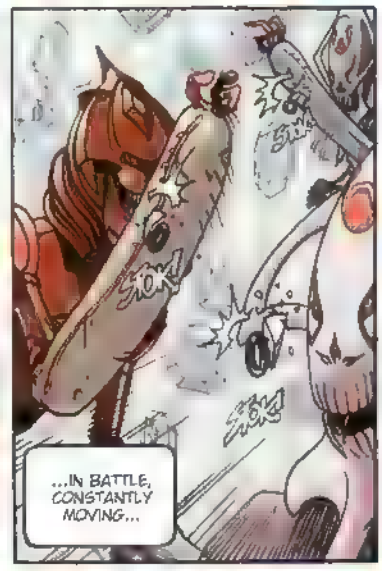
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T?! THAT'S A PSYCHOTELEPORTAL ON YOUR CHEST RIGHT?! OPEN A PORTAL FOR ME. YOU ALREADY DID IT ONCE!

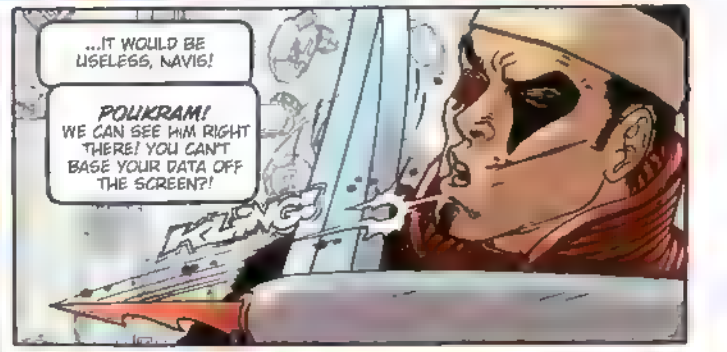
NOT POSSIBLE! FOR YANNSE TO BE ABLE TO USE THEM, MY CYBERTECHNICIANS PROGRAMMED THEM SO THEY WOULD BE LINKED. ONLY ONE IS ACTIVE AT A TIME, AND THAT ONE BELONGS TO YANNSE! MINE WORKS AS A RELAY.


ALAS...
I CAN ONLY OPEN A PORTAL ON HIS EXACT LOCATION!


TIK
POUKRAM! THEN OPEN A PORTAL FOR HIM!

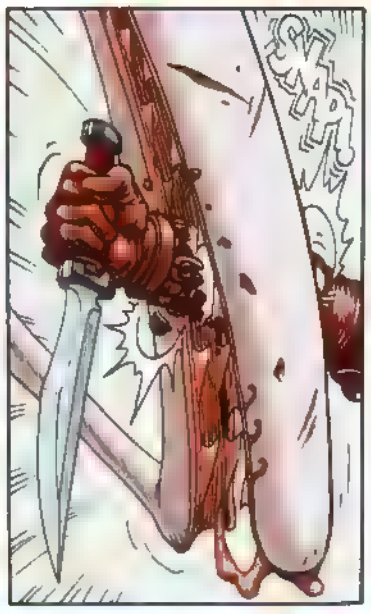

WITHOUT HIS VISOR..


...IN BATTLE, CONSTANTLY MOVING...

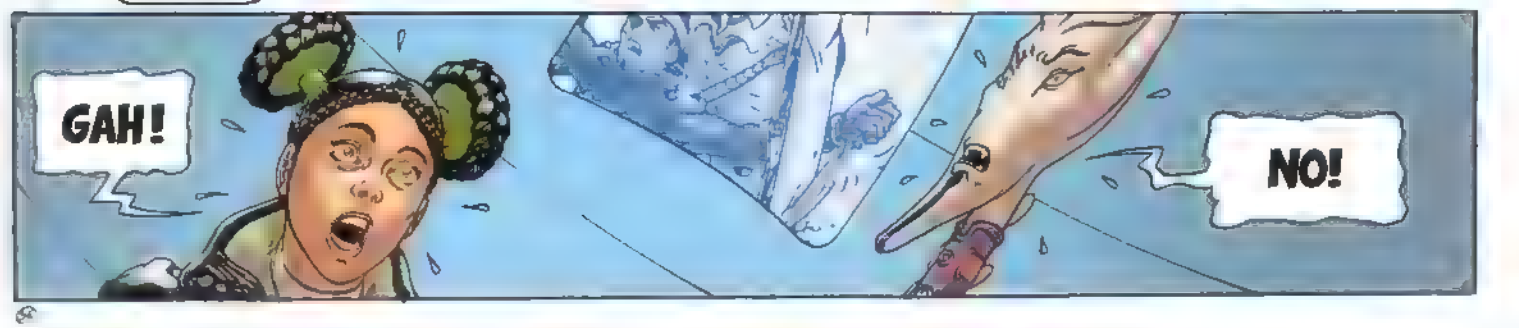

...IT WOULD BE USELESS, NAVIS!
POUKRAM! WE CAN SEE HIM RIGHT THERE! YOU CAN'T BASE YOUR DATA OFF THE SCREEN?!
KLING!

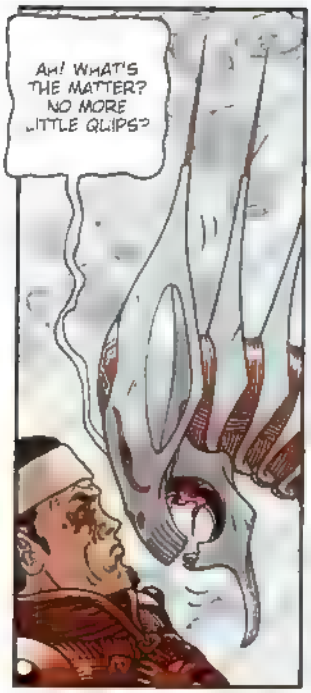
NO. WHAT YOU SEE NAVIS..

...IS TRANSMITTED BY THE HOLOCAMERAS IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL.
SO WHAT?!
THEY'RE ON A DELAY. WHAT YOU'RE SEEING HAS ALREADY HAPPENED.



HISS! HISS!
NGHH!


GAH!
NO!


AH! WHAT'S THE MATTER? NO MORE LITTLE QUIPS?

PTOW
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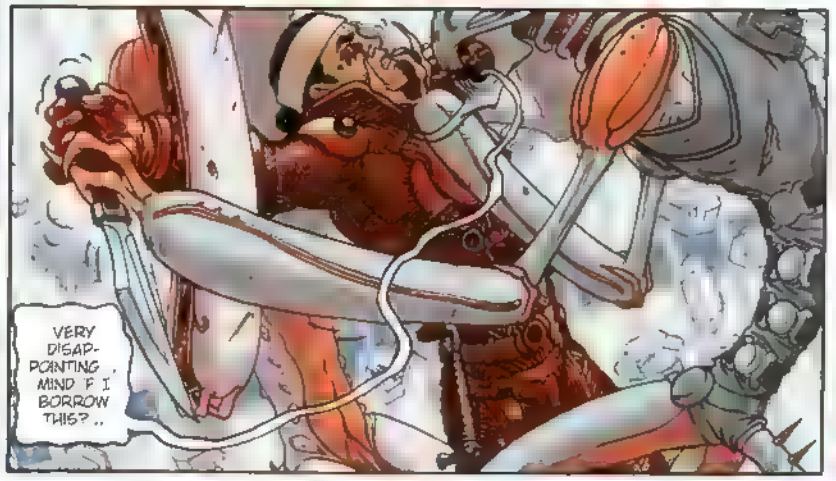
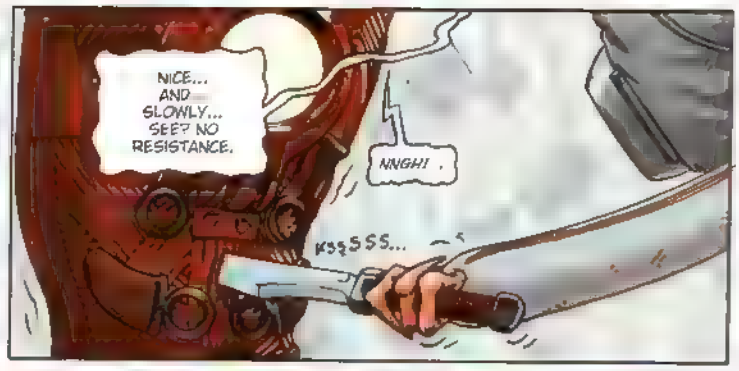
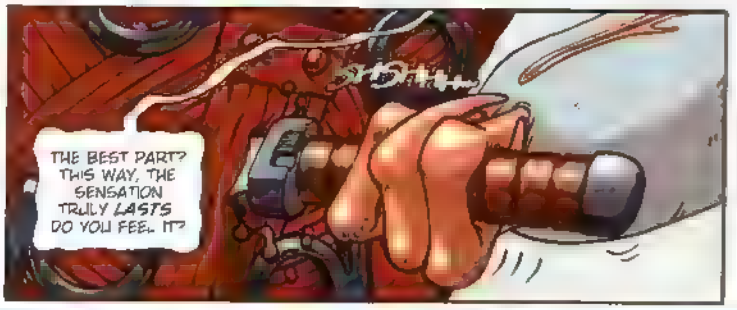

VERY DISAP-POINTING. MIND IF I BORROW THIS?..

YOUR OUTFIT IS WOVEN FROM INTELLIGENT LEMANNFOST FIBERS THAT STIMULATE YOUR MUSCLES IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE, IN ORDER TO PROTECT AGAINST HIGH VELOCITY ATTACKS, CORRECT?...

THE ONLY LITTLE FLAW IN THIS SUIT... AH! THERE'S OFF SWITCH!
KPK

AS I WAS SAYING, THE ONLY LITTLE FLAW IS THAT IF AN ATTACKER COMES AT YOU...
HHA


NICE... AND SLOWLY... SEE? NO RESISTANCE.
NNGH!
KSSSSS...

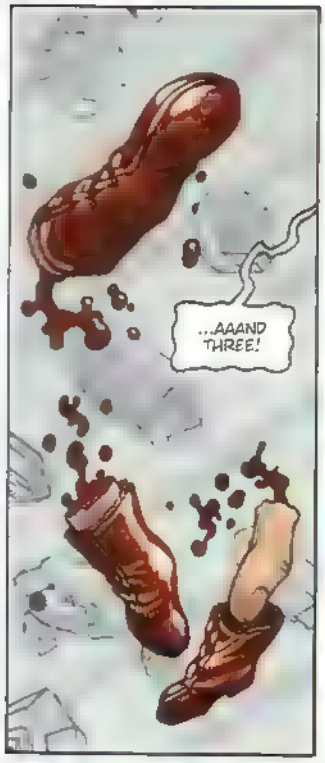

THE BEST PART? THIS WAY, THE SENSATION TRULY LASTS DO YOU FEEL IT?

NNGH!...
I WONDER WHAT ORGANS I'M SLICING UP IN THERE...

Oooh! This is awful.
I... I HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING TO...

I'VE BEEN AN IDIOT!!

YOU!!
SEND A DRONE TO MY SHIP IMMEDIATELY. I'LL NEED YOU TO DO EXACTLY AS I SAY!!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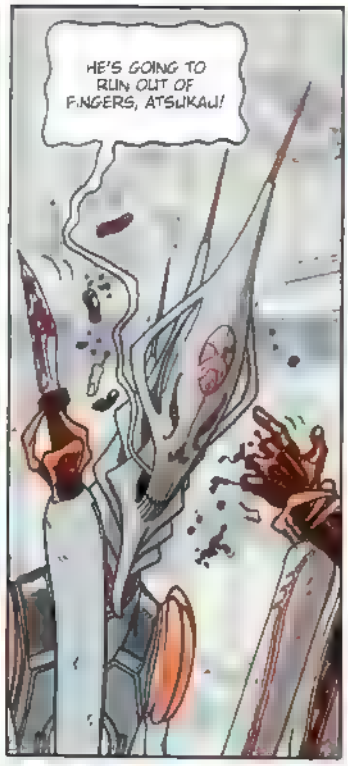
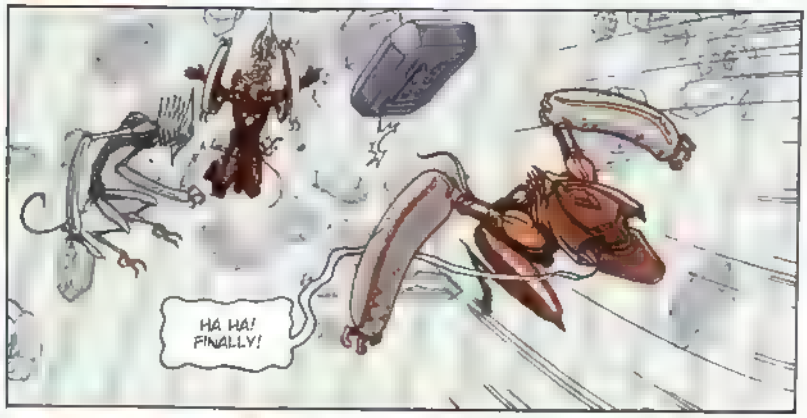

HE'S GOING TO RUN OUT OF FINGERS, ATSUKAU!

THERE!! A PSYCHOTELEPORTAL!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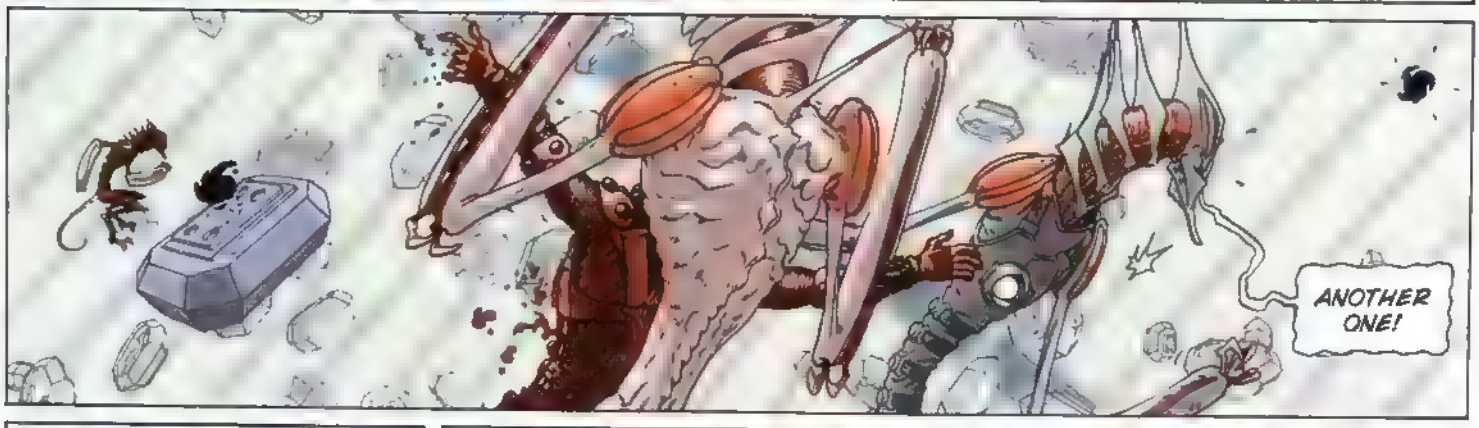
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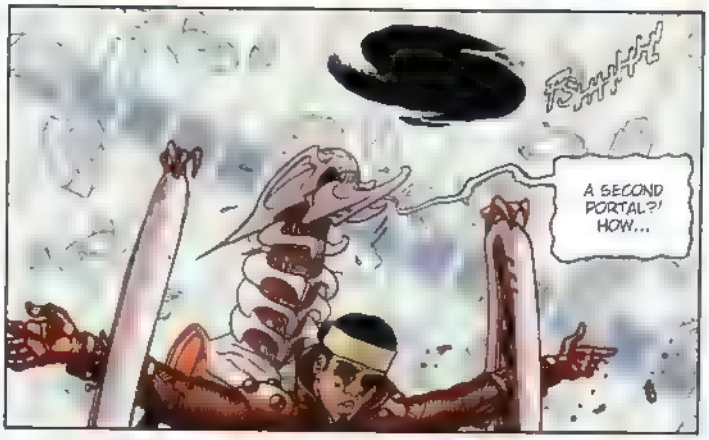
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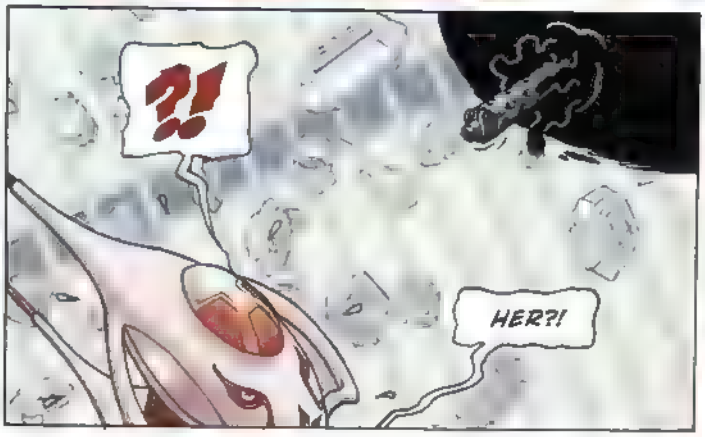
A SECOND PORTAL?! HOW...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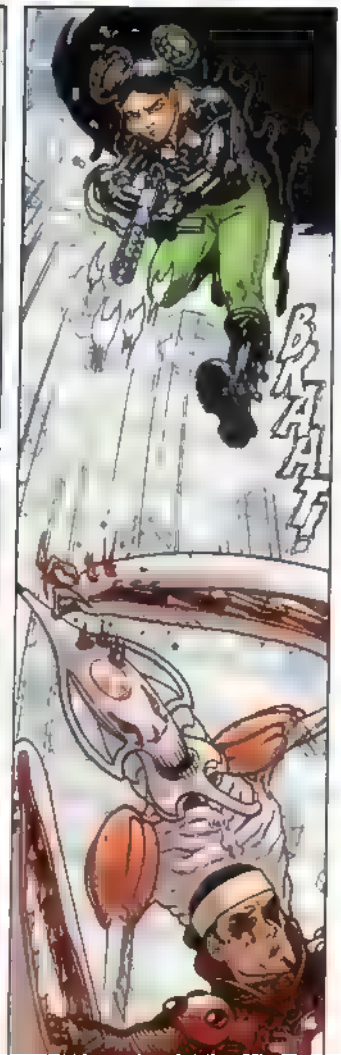
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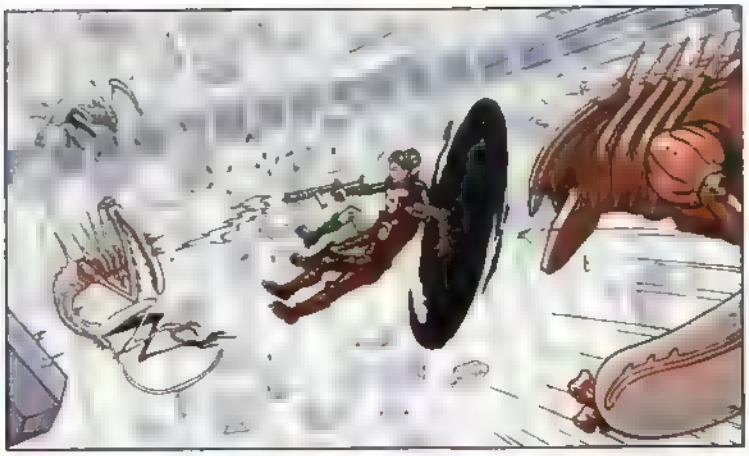
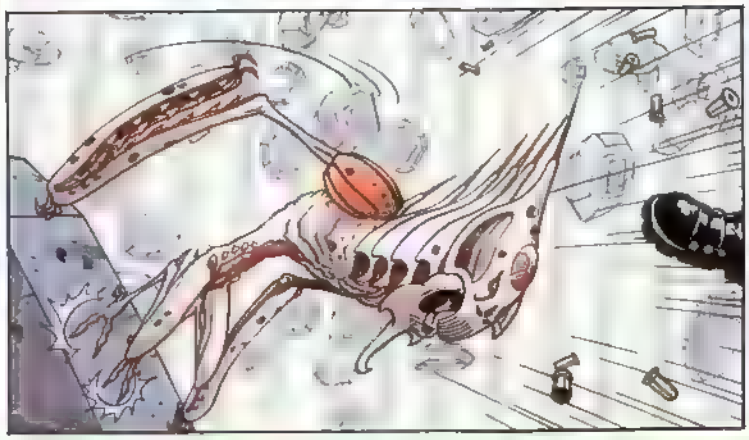
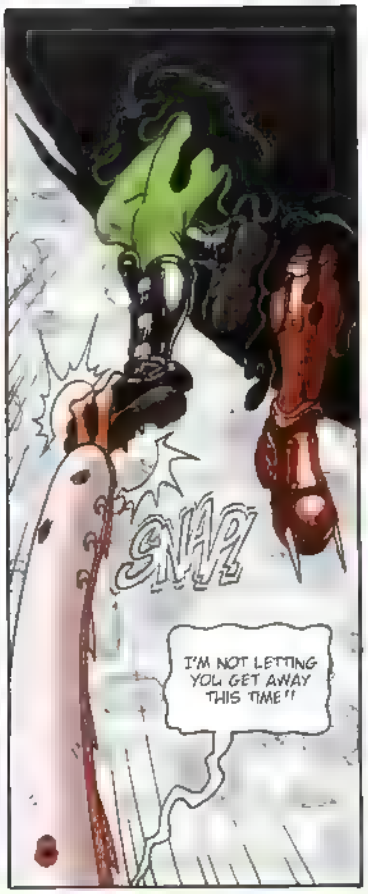
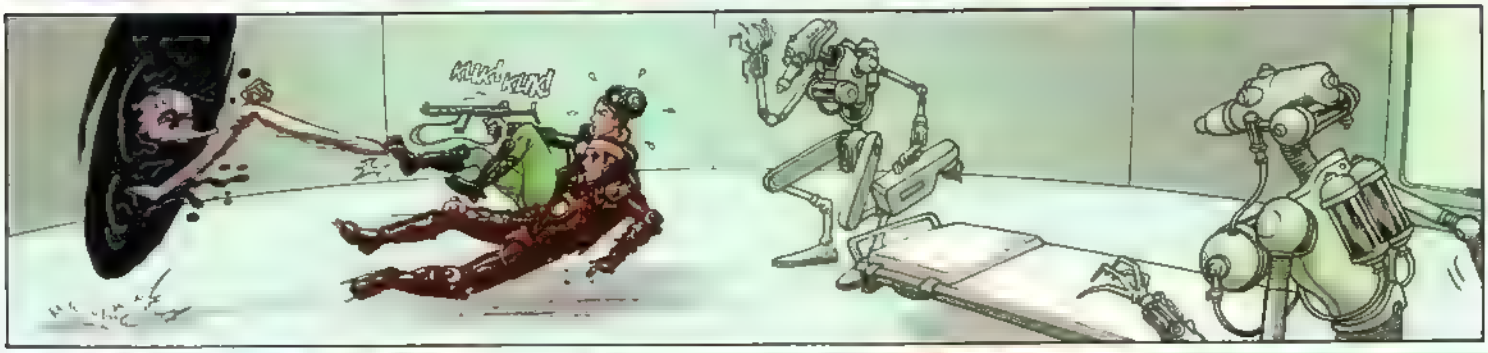





SNAP
I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY THIS TIME!!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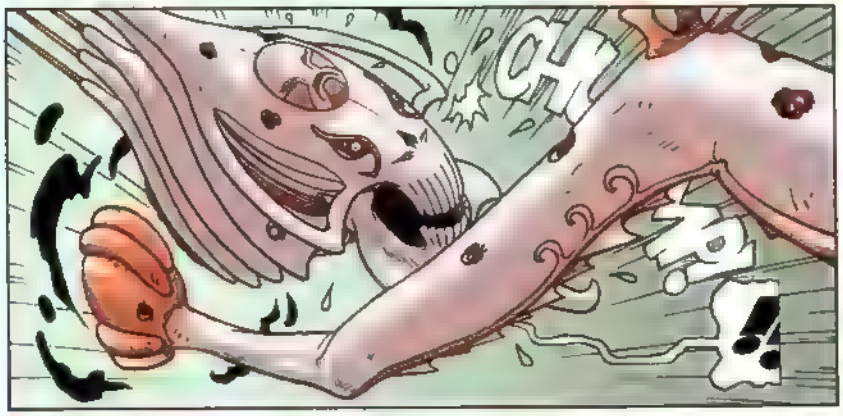
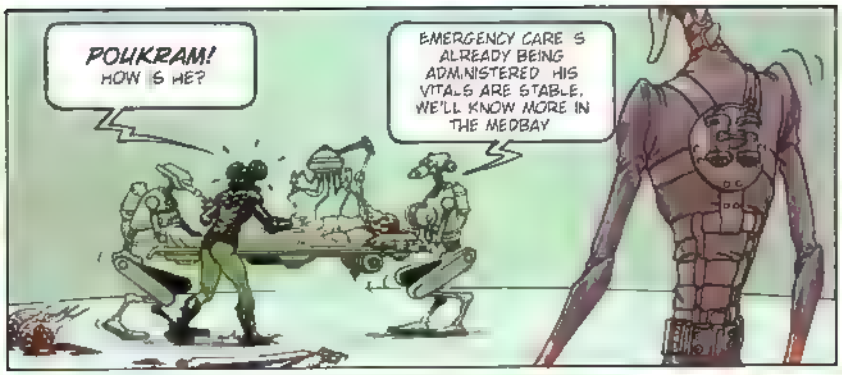

OH
NO!

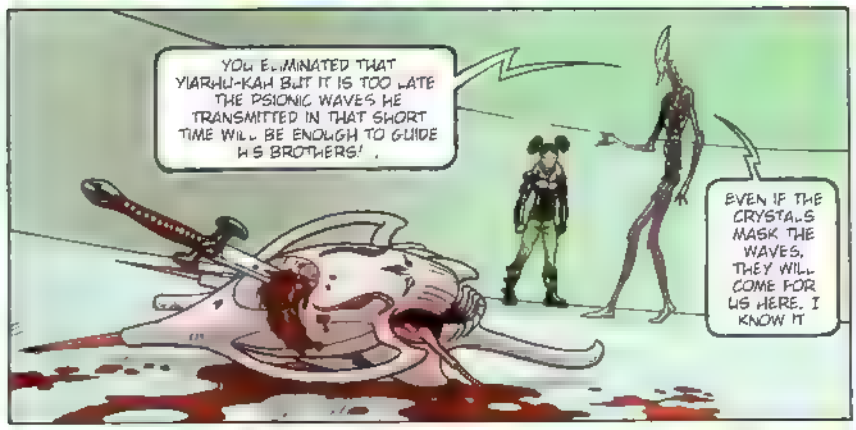
OUCH!

RAH!
KRAK!
PTCH!

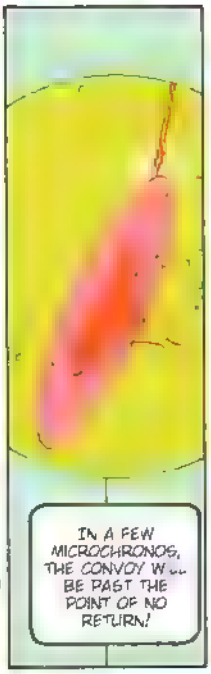

POUKRAM! HOW IS HE?
EMERGENCY CARE IS ALREADY BEING ADMINISTERED. HIS VITALS ARE STABLE. WE'LL KNOW MORE IN THE MEDBAY

HE'LL LIVE! HERE WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED TO HELP HIM TO A FULL RECOVERY! BUT NOW I URGENTLY NEED TO GET YOU BACK TO WAKE. NAVIS!

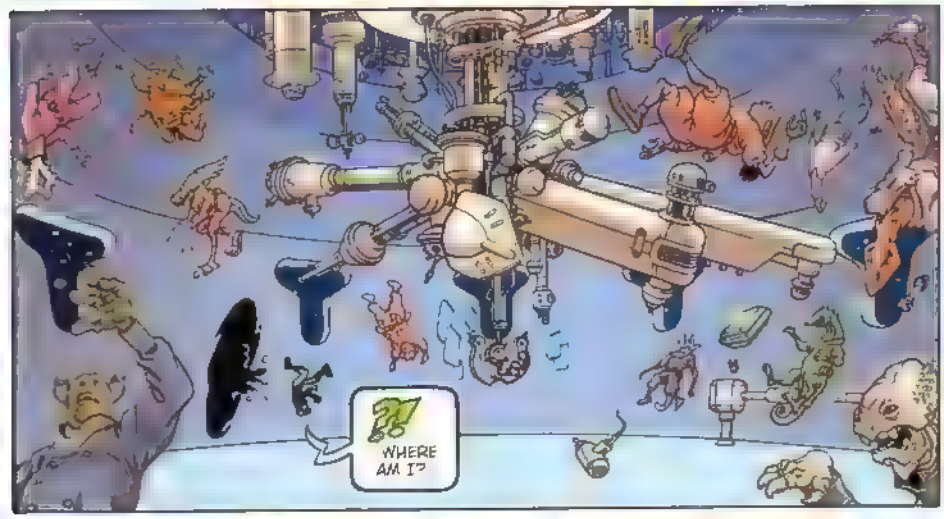
OH YEAH?! NOW IT'S MY TURN TO DO YOUR DIRTY WORK?!
NO..


YOU ELIMINATED THAT YIARHU-KAH BUT IT IS TOO LATE. THE PSIONIC WAVES HE TRANSMITTED IN THAT SHORT TIME WILL BE ENOUGH TO GUIDE HIS BROTHERS!..
EVEN IF THE CRYSTALS MASK THE WAVES, THEY WILL COME FOR US HERE. I KNOW IT

AND I WILL BE THE ONE TO HANDLE THEM!... AS FOR YOU..
..YOU NEED TO GET TO WAKE'S REAR ADMIRAL SHIP!
LOTE!

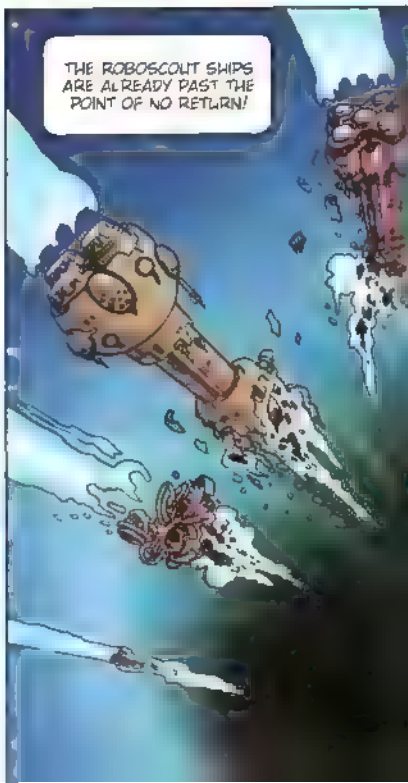

IN A FEW MICROCHRONOS, THE CONVOY WILL BE PAST THE POINT OF NO RETURN!

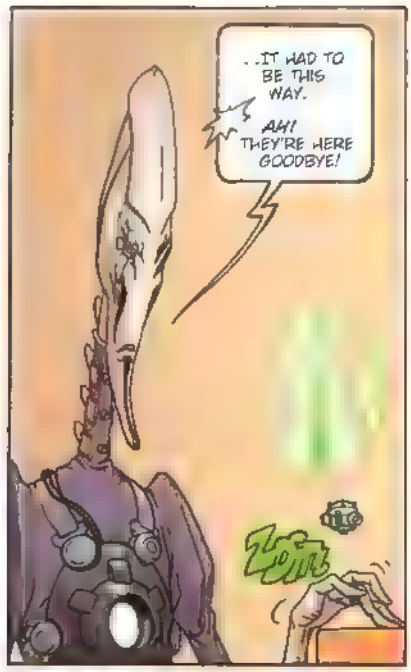
I ALREADY SENT YOUR 4 FRIENDS THERE ON YOUR SHIP! BUT YOU'LL ARRIVE BEFORE THEM! RECALL YOUR HISTORY CLASS, LESSON 21!
WHAT DO YOU..
NO TIME! HURRY NAVIS!

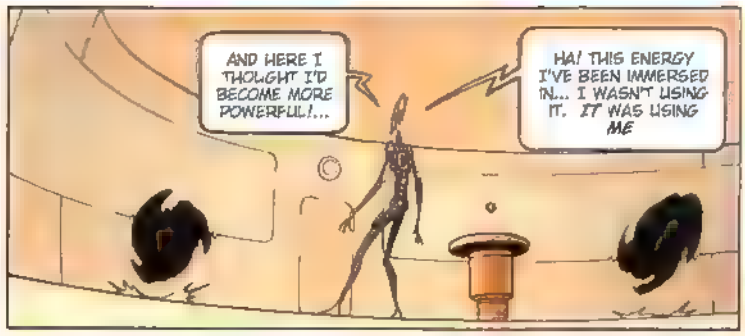

WHERE AM I?

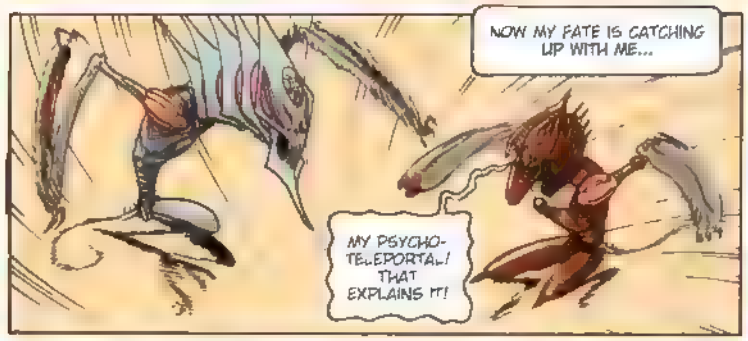
WAKE'S OLD COMMAND CENTER?! BUT IT'S A MUSEUM NOW..
!

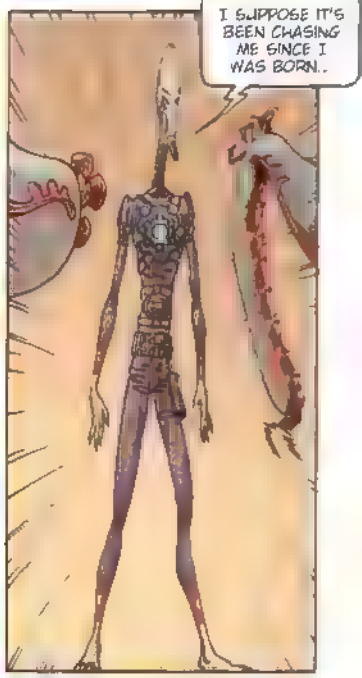
OH NO!


THE ROBOSCOUT SHIPS ARE ALREADY PAST THE POINT OF NO RETURN!


..IT HAD TO BE THIS WAY.
AH! THEY'RE HERE GOODBYE!


AND HERE I THOUGHT I'D BECOME MORE POWERFUL!...
HA! THIS ENERGY I'VE BEEN IMMERSED IN... I WASN'T USING IT. IT WAS USING ME


NOW MY FATE IS CATCHING UP WITH ME...
MY PSYCHO-TELEPORTAL! THAT EXPLAINS IT!


I SUPPOSE IT'S BEEN CHASING ME SINCE I WAS BORN..

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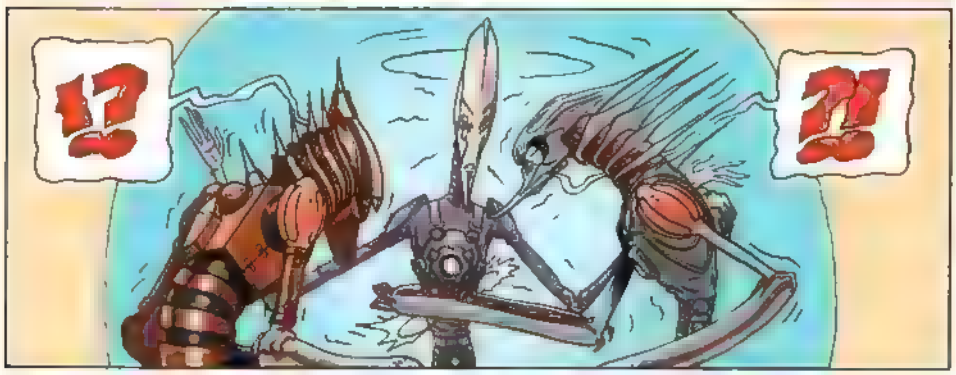
NOT GOING TO FIGHT EH? FINE, IT'S YOUR FUNERAL!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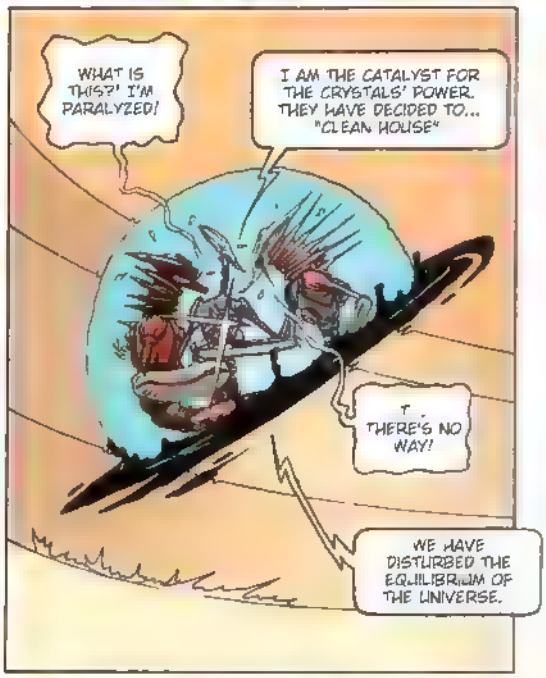
WHAT IS THIS?! I'M PARALYZED!
I AM THE CATALYST FOR THE CRYSTALS' POWER. THEY HAVE DECIDED TO... "CLEAN HOUSE"
T.. THERE'S NO WAY!
WE HAVE DISTURBED THE EQUILIBRIUM OF THE UNIVERSE.

IT IS TIME TO DISAPPEAR.

NO
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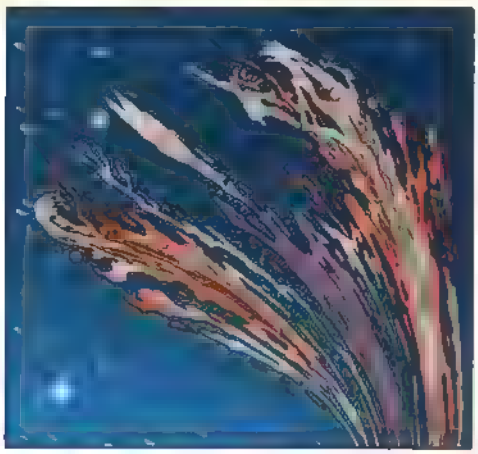
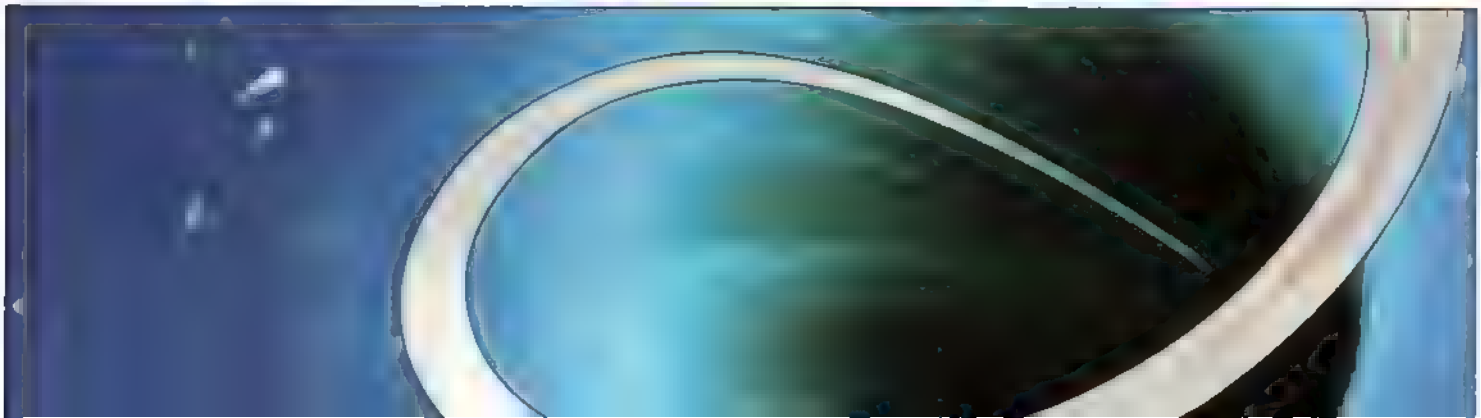
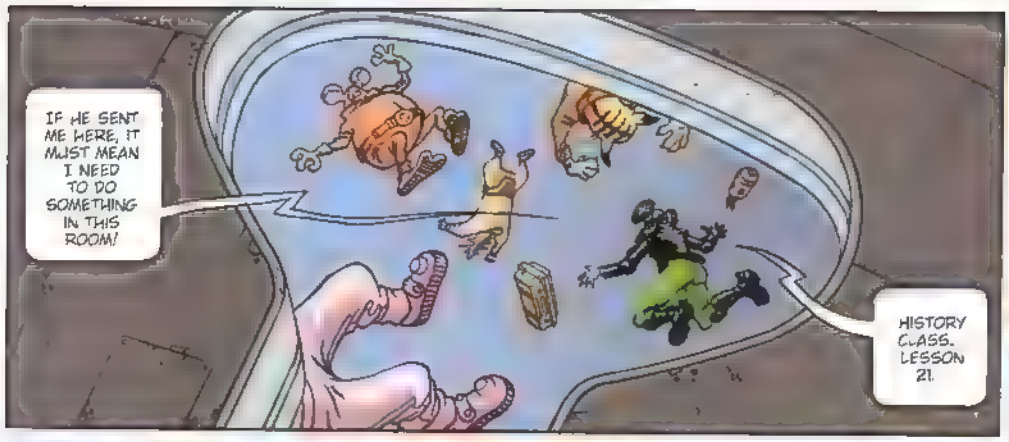
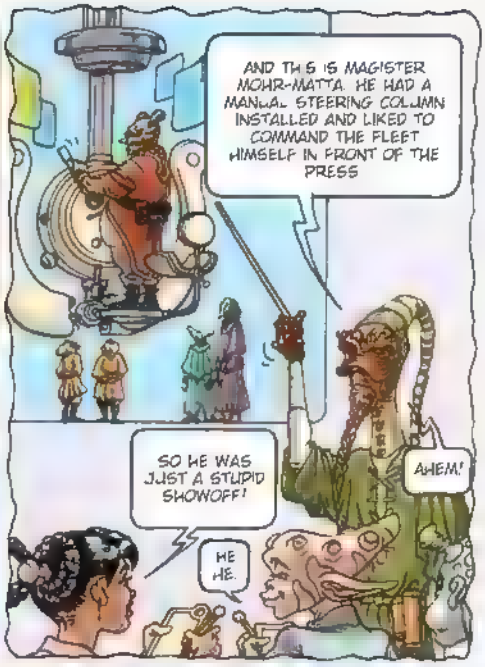
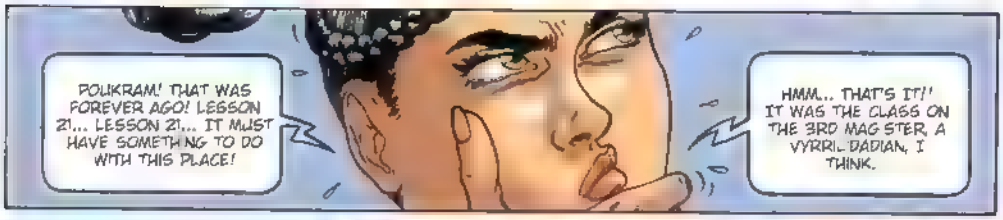


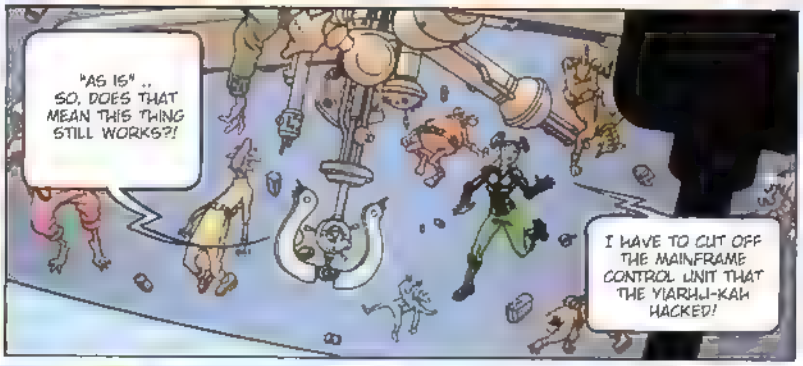



IF HE SENT ME HERE, IT MUST MEAN I NEED TO DO SOMETHING IN THIS ROOM!
HISTORY CLASS. LESSON 21.


AND THIS IS MAGISTER MOHR-MATTA. HE HAD A MANUAL STEERING COLUMN INSTALLED AND LIKED TO COMMAND THE FLEET HIMSELF IN FRONT OF THE PRESS
SO HE WAS JUST A STUPID SHOWOFF!
AHEM!
HE HE.

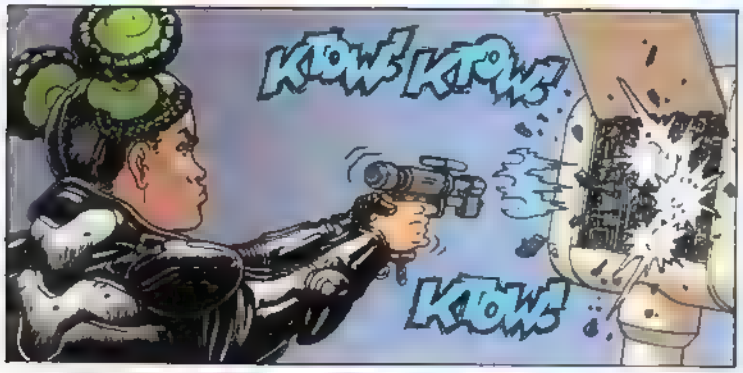

POLIKRAM! THAT WAS FOREVER AGO! LESSON 21... LESSON 21... IT MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS PLACE!
HMM... THAT'S IT!' IT WAS THE CLASS ON THE 3RD MAGISTER, A VYRRIL DADIAN, I THINK.

HAVE SOME RESPECT NAVIS! HE WAS A VERY GOOD LEADER. WE'LL ALL BE GOING TO VISIT HIS COMMAND CENTER WHICH WAS PRESERVED AS IS, IN HIS HONOR...


"AS IS"... SO, DOES THAT MEAN THIS THING STILL WORKS?!
I HAVE TO CUT OFF THE MAINFRAME CONTROL UNIT THAT THE YIARHJI-KAH HACKED!

POLIKRAM! IT WON'T DISCONNECT!

OH! HOW CONVENIENT!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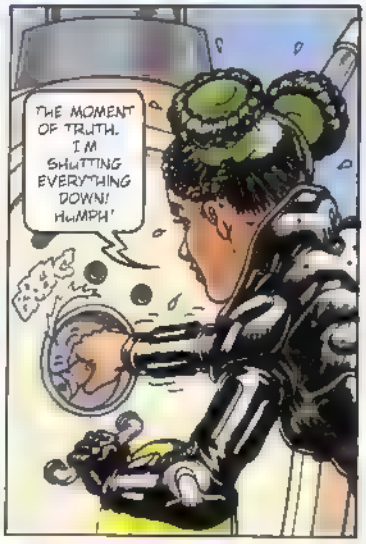
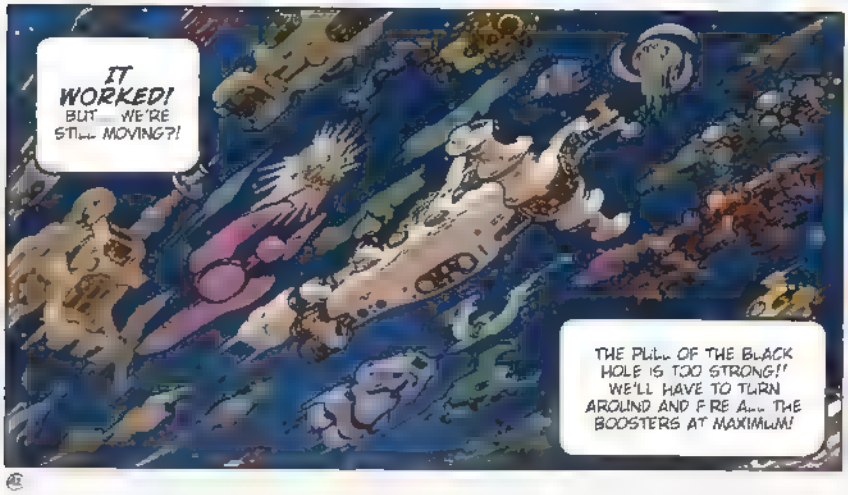
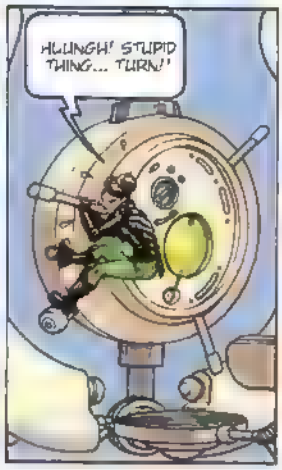
THERE! NOW I'LL PLUG IT INTO THE STEERING COLUMN..

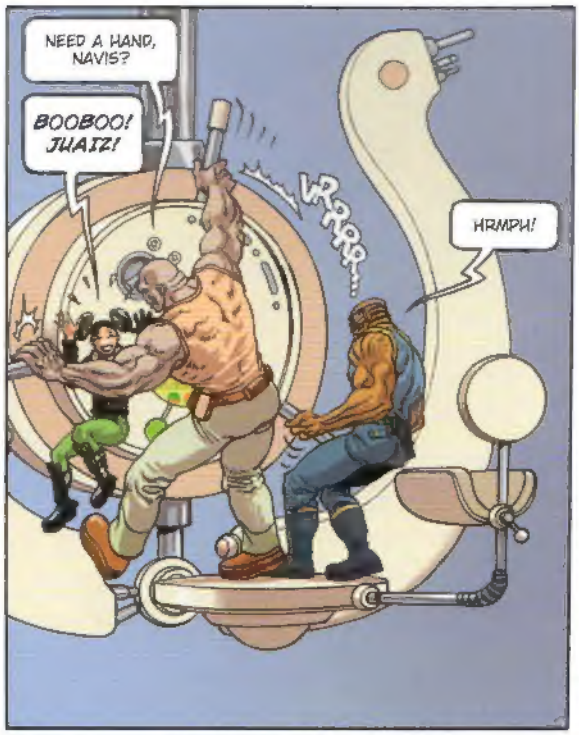

THE MOMENT OF TRUTH. I'M SHUTTING EVERYTHING DOWN! HUMPH!

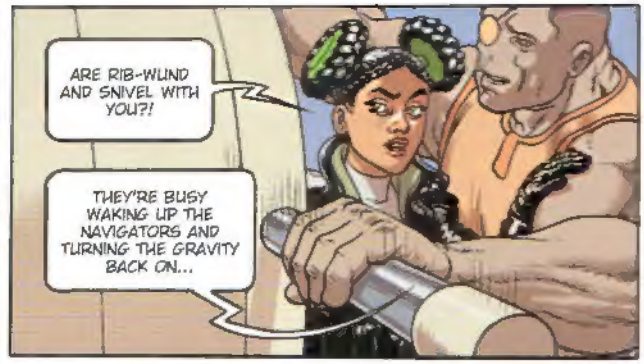

IT WORKED! BUT... WE'RE STILL MOVING?!
THE PULL OF THE BLACK HOLE IS TOO STRONG!' WE'LL HAVE TO TURN AROUND AND FIRE ALL THE BOOSTERS AT MAXIMUM!


HUUNGH! STUPID THING... TURN!'

HUNGH!
POLIKRAM! I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH... WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE BECAUSE SOME MUSCLEHEAD WANTED TO SHOW OFF!

!?
IT... IT'S MOVING!


NEED A HAND, NAVIS?
BOOBOO! JUAIZ!
VRRRR!
HRMPH!


ARE RIB-WLIND AND SNIVEL WITH YOU?!
THEY'RE BUSY WAKING UP THE NAVIGATORS AND TURNING THE GRAVITY BACK ON...

THEY DID IT! LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE'S WAKING UP...

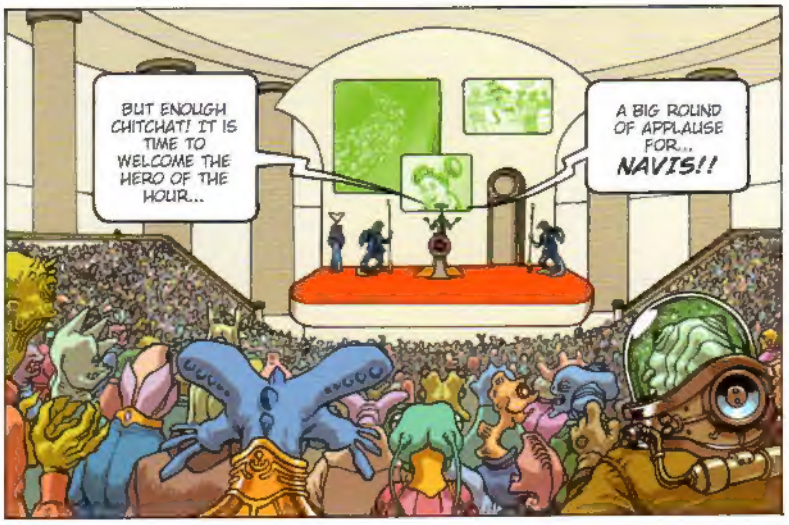
THAT'S IT! WE CHANGED COURSE!! WE JUST LOST A FEW MAINTENANCE DRONES... IT'S A MIRACLE!!

POUKRAM!
HA HA HA! YOU DID IT NAVIS! YOU DID IT!
BRAVO!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
YEAH!!

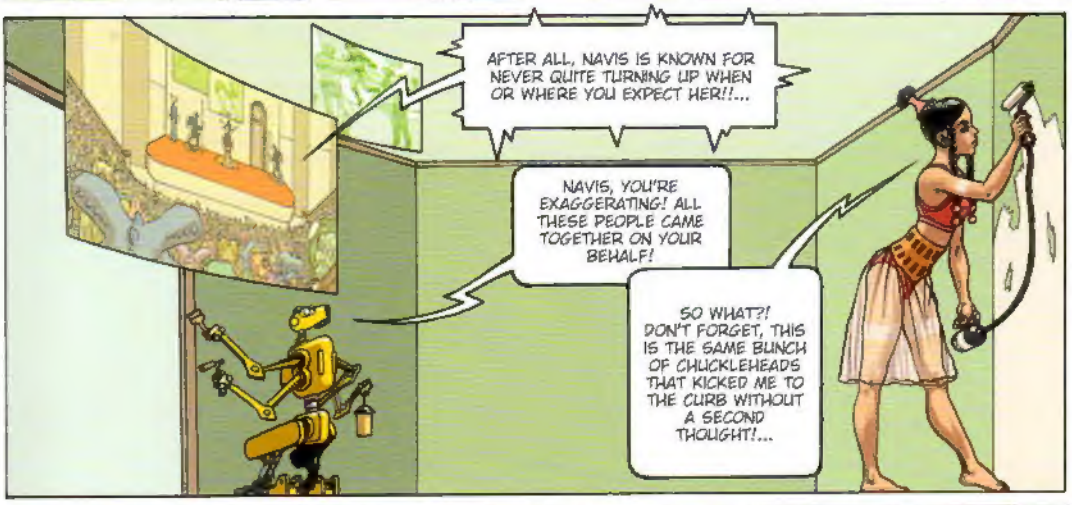
NO, WE DID IT!

THESE HAPPY IMAGES HAVE BEEN DOING THE ROUNDS ON ALL THE HOLONEWS CHANNELS AND INTERSPACIAL NETWORKS! THANKS TO THE SURVEILLANCE HOLOCAMERAS, EVERYONE ON WAKE HAS BEEN ABLE TO RELIVE THE INCREDIBLE SALVATION OF OUR CONVOY...

AND WE ARE ALL PRESENT HERE TODAY THANKS TO THE COURAGE OF ONE OUR MOST SPECIAL RESIDENTS!


BUT ENOUGH CHITCHAT! IT IS TIME TO WELCOME THE HERO OF THE HOUR...
A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR... NAVIS!!

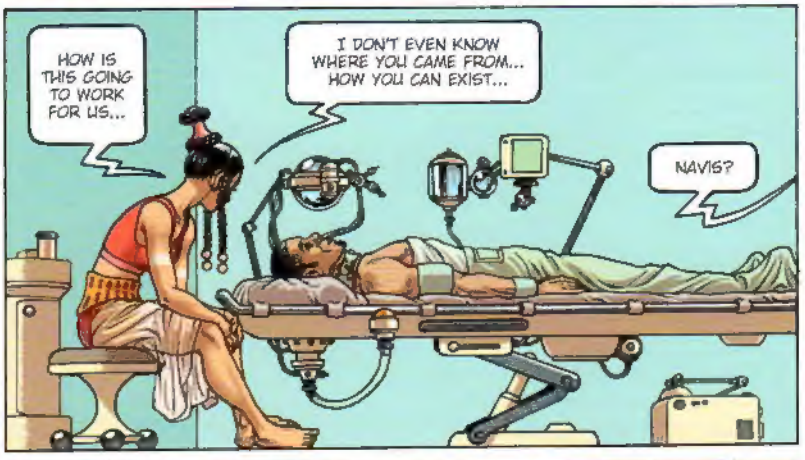
AHEM! I'VE JUST LEARNED THAT OUR GUEST OF HONOR WILL UNFORTUNATELY NOT BE JOINING US...


AFTER ALL, NAVIS IS KNOWN FOR NEVER QUITE TURNING UP WHEN OR WHERE YOU EXPECT HER!!...
NAVIS, YOU'RE EXAGGERATING! ALL THESE PEOPLE CAME TOGETHER ON YOUR BEHALF!
SO WHAT?! DON'T FORGET, THIS IS THE SAME BUNCH OF CHUCKLEHEADS THAT KICKED ME TO THE CURB WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT!...

FINE, I UNDERSTAND! BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE A BREAK AND GET SOME FRESH AIR? I DON'T MEAN TO OFFEND, BUT YOU'RE GETTING PAINT EVERYWHERE...
I CAN'T... EVEN IF THIS FOREST LOOKS LIKE MINE, MACKL-LOSS IS GONE...

I'VE BEEN CONSTANTLY, PUBLICLY CRITICIZED, AND NOW I'M SUPPOSED TO PUT ON A PRETTY FACE FOR THE PEOPLE THAT HATED ME?!
ON TOP OF THAT, THE YIARHU-KAH ARE TOP SECRET NOW... NOBODY'S ALLOWED TO EVEN TALK ABOUT THEM! WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?!

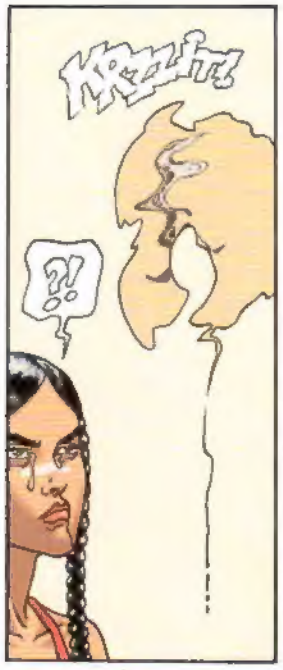
I'M GOING TO GO VISIT YANNSEI...
AGAIN?! YOU'RE SPENDING ALL YOUR TIME THERE...
DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT, SNIVEL!!


HOW IS THIS GOING TO WORK FOR US...
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE YOU CAME FROM... HOW YOU CAN EXIST...
NAVIS?

SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, BUT YOU ASKED ME TO LOOK OVER YOUR HOLOMESSAGES ...
THERE'S ONE THAT I THINK YOU SHOULD SEE IMMEDIATELY.
WHO'S IT FROM?

ENSHU ATSUKAU!
WHAT?! CAN... CAN YOU TRANSFER IT TO MY OFFICE?

HELLO, NAVIS. I HAVE BECOME MIRED IN A PERSONAL VENDETTA. IF YOU'RE SEEING THIS MESSAGE, IT MEANS IT HAS ENDED WITH MY DEATH.
I CALL YANNSEI MY SON, BUT I AM NOT DELUDED. PERHAPS YOU WILL BE HAPPY TO HEAR THIS... BUT HE IS IN FACT OF YOUR BLOOD.
I OWE IT TO YOU TO BE FORTHCOMING ABOUT THE... CONNECTIONS BETWEEN US THREE. WHERE TO BEGIN?!
MY ACCOMPLICE, DR. ARZTRASHAN, INJECTED YOU WITH MICROSCOPIC NANOMACHINES, TASKED WITH ANALYZING ORGANISMS AND CREATING AN ACCURATE VIRTUAL MODEL OF THEM.
WHEN I SAW YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME, I ADMIT YOU WERE NOTHING MORE THAN AN ODDITY I WAS DETERMINED TO ADD TO MY COLLECTION!
ALL THIS DATA IS SAVED ON A VISODRIVE. BACK THEN, IT WAS A WAY FOR ME TO KEEP TABS ON ALL OF MY... "PROJECTS"...
MY FIRST DESIRE WAS TO HAVE THE FATHER, CLEMENT VILDIEU, ELIMINATED... BUT REVOLUTIONARIES TEND TO HAVE SHORT LIFESPANS REGARDLESS.
FRUSTRATION AND JEALOUSY LED ME TO COMMIT A MONSTROUS ACT... I PROGRAMMED THE NANOMACHINES TO STEAL THE FERTILIZED EGG. IT WAS PRESERVED VIA CRYOGENESIS AND DELIVERED TO ME BY THE DOCTOR THAT PERFORMED YOUR CHECK-UPS.
BUT BEFORE THEY LEFT YOUR BODY, THE NANOMACHINES TRANSMITTED A SHOCKING BIT OF DATA... UPON YOUR RETURN FROM TRI.JJ 768, YOU DID NOT KNOW IT... BUT YOU WERE PREGNANT!
AVIS
I HAD A SPECIAL SORT OF INCUBATOR PREPARED... THE FETUS DEVELOPED REMARKABLY WELL.
THE PUNTAS GENES THAT HIS... AHEM... "FATHER" ALLOWED HIM TO REACH ADULTHOOD 4 TIMES FASTER THAN AN ORDINARY HUMAN.
THANKFULLY, AFTER PUBERTY, HIS DEVELOPMENT RATE SLOWED, ASSURING HE WOULD HAVE THE LIFESPAN OF ANY OTHER HUMAN MALE...
I KNOW WHAT I DID WAS UNFORGIVABLE... BUT I KNOW HARDSHIPS OF THIS WORLD, AND I HAVE MADE HIM INTO A STRONG MAN CAPABLE OF SURVIVAL...
DAMNIT!...
...HE'S MY SON, IT WAS MY JOB!!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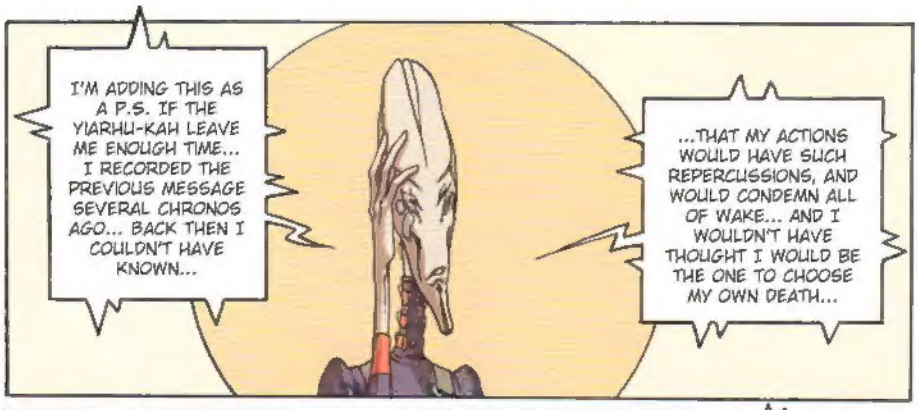
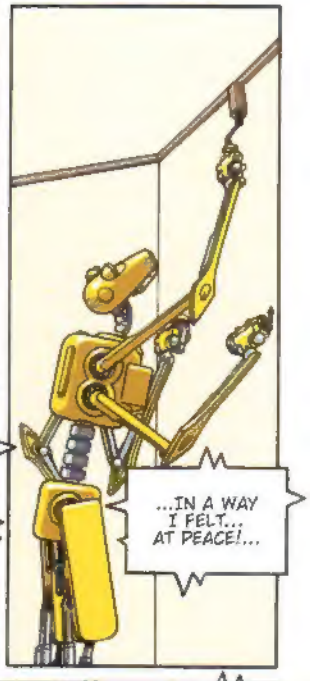
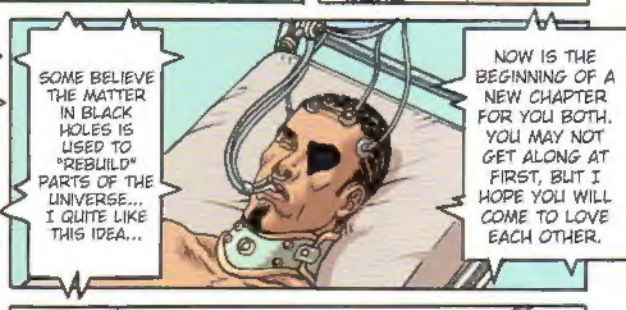

I'M ADDING THIS AS A P.S. IF THE YIARHU-KAH LEAVE ME ENOUGH TIME... I RECORDED THE PREVIOUS MESSAGE SEVERAL CHRONOS AGO... BACK THEN I COULDN'T HAVE KNOWN...
...THAT MY ACTIONS WOULD HAVE SUCH REPERCUSSIONS, AND WOULD CONDEMN ALL OF WAKE... AND I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT I WOULD BE THE ONE TO CHOOSE MY OWN DEATH...


...IN A WAY I FELT... AT PEACE!...

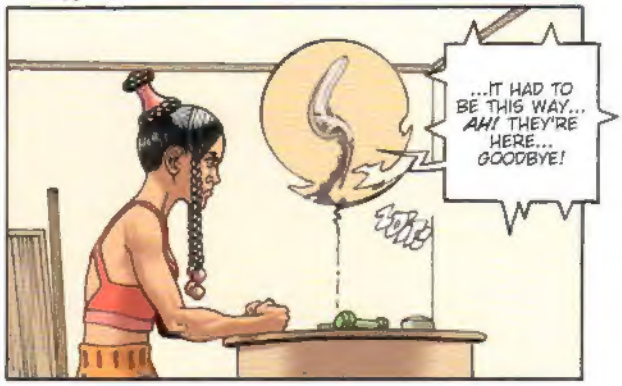
WHEN I SAW THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY TO FIX THIS ONCE AND FOR ALL AND SAVE THE CONVOY, I MADE MY DECISION! AND IT'S STRANGE...

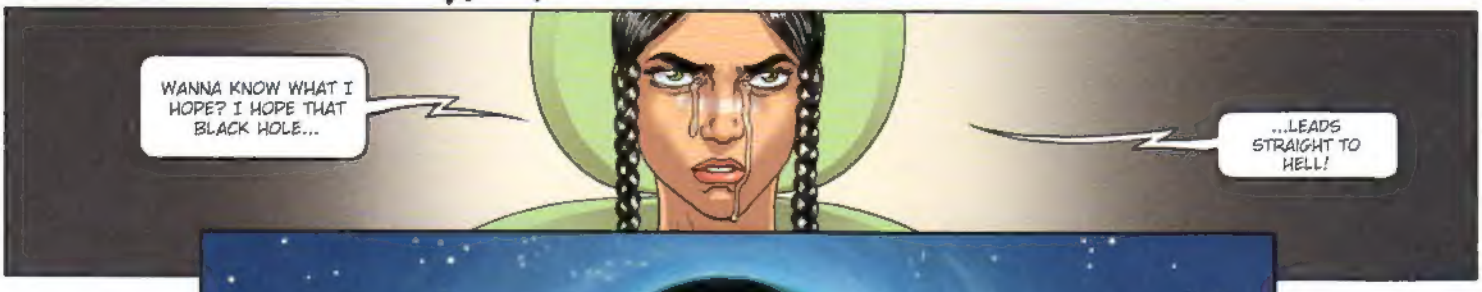
...AND AT THAT INSTANT I FELT THE INFLUENCE OF THE CRYSTALS' PSIONIC ENERGY INSIDE ME, AND I KNEW I WOULD HAVE THE POWER TO DEFEAT THE YIARHU-KAH.

BUT THAT MATTERS LITTLE. I DON'T KNOW IF THIS WILL MAKE UP FOR THE THINGS I'VE DONE...
DOUBT IT!


SOME BELIEVE THE MATTER IN BLACK HOLES IS USED TO "REBUILD" PARTS OF THE UNIVERSE... I QUITE LIKE THIS IDEA...
NOW IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW CHAPTER FOR YOU BOTH. YOU MAY NOT GET ALONG AT FIRST, BUT I HOPE YOU WILL COME TO LOVE EACH OTHER.

IT WAS AS IF THE SOUL OF THE CRYSTALS APPROVED OF MY DECISION. ALMOST AS IF THE IDEA WAS SUGGESTED TO ME...


...IT HAD TO BE THIS WAY... AH! THEY'RE HERE... GOODBYE!


WANNA KNOW WHAT I HOPE? I HOPE THAT BLACK HOLE...
...LEADS STRAIGHT TO HELL!

AND I HOPE YOU STAY THERE FOREVER!!